

20th March, 1957.

Dear von Verschuer,

I have just had a line from Tage Kemp, who says that the doctors who work with his twin material (M. Hauge and B. Harvald) think that the character "smoking habits" is "rather vague and not easy to define". I should have thought it is usually clear and unmistakable, and that, at any rate for statistical purposes, the subject's statements as to his own habits can properly be accepted. Indeed, all twin studies of disease would be excluded if quantitative characters could not be studied in this way, and it is their success with multifactorial characters which gives to twin studies their special value. The reason for Tage Kemp's hesitation, or that of his advising physicians, must, I suppose, be something different from this.

I am, therefore, most anxious to ascertain the full extent of the twin material which you can make available for this enquiry.

Sincerely yours,