My dear Jack,

For the last two or three years I have been rather concerned in the rejuvenation of the International Statistical Institute, and in particular to get a few people into it with a genuine knowledge of statistics. This has become particularly important with respect to the American membership, for there is a rule limiting any one confederation of states, which means you, to 35, and about four-fifths of these places are already occupied, not all of them by the most penetrating of your countrymen.

I am therefore enclosing a form signed by myself as sponsor for your presentation as candidate to this august body. If you think you can bear it could you get all the doings about yourself filled in, and in my name or your own approach some Americans whom you would like to be your supporters. I think you can rely on the Raleigh group, G.M. Cox, W.G. Cochran, R.C. Bose, R. Hotelling, for aught I know W.E. Deming, H.L. Dunn, and, on my recommendation, I should think E.B. Wilson would be good for a signature. In any case it is essential under the rules of election that you should be supported by at least one free and equal citizen.
Of course if there is anyone in England whose name you would like, there is nothing against your leaving a space for him and sending the form to me for completion with his name. It would get back to Dr. G. Goudswaard, 2, Oostduinlaan, The Hague, almost as quickly either way.

Yours sincerely,