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My dear Rom,

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd which has been forwarded to me here. The sampling variance referred to in the foot-note is for numbers of households. I will have this phrase inserted. I think I am right about the variance though I was surprised at the result when I first became aware of it. The point is that if we attain by chance a series of small starting numbers, the number of households will be over-estimated on this score, whereas if we obtain a series of high starting numbers, the number of households will be under-estimated. By taking complementary numbers, this source of variation is reduced.

I am having a great fun and games between the two rival schools here. I will tell you more about the outcome when I get back.

Yours sincerely,

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no reply