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Dr. E. Allen,
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Dear Dr. Allen.

I think you know something of Dr. Gross, a German refugee, who, after a short time with Huxley at King's College, has been working for the last year in my laboratory. It is, in fact, for his work that we have been buying so much of your sea water.

I have just heard that the Academic Assistance Council have decided that they cannot continue his present allowance of £250 beyond July of this year, but they have, at the same time, decided to put up pound for pound up to half this amount, so that if he can obtain half the salary elsewhere, they will make up the remainder.

Of course a zoologist like Huxley could tell you more than I of the quality of his work. I have, however, heard sufficient opinions, all remarkably favourable, to convince me that he is (a) a first-class cytologist and (b) a thorough expert in culture methods. With me he has been keeping artemia and a pure culture food plant, and his breeding programme has gone forward regularly, with complete success.

Dr. E.J.Allen

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I am writing now just on the chance that there might be an opportunity for such a man at Plymouth. I may say that I have always found him exceedingly agreeable to deal with, and think he would be willing to make himself useful beyond the scope of his immediate duties.

Yours sincerely,