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My dear Fisher.

The best follow-up of families of m.d. parents which I have seen has recently been published at Birmingham. Cutler took its name, and I guess they will get it at the Office. The number of children over 5 is small, and the results not too clearly stated. As far as I could judge, a child of an m.d. parent is about 12 times as likely to be m.d. as a randomly selected child. This must be a non-random. I should have

Expected it to be higher, and it may be so. But take it at that, it seems to me to be enough to justify action. Perhaps the more important fact is that there were 663 such children born in Birmingham in recent years, all carriers of defect, if mendelism is sound. Possibly it might interest you to look at it if it is in the office. No need to answer.

Yours sincerely,

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I think it might be possible to get an estimate of the number of M.D. who have an M.D. parent, but am not sure.