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CRIPPS CORNER,  
FOREST ROW,  
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

What interesting news from your lab. I hope that your family will become the most-celebrated serological group in Europe!

As to my memo. on breeding, as you say you were glad to have read it, I am glad to have sent it. You have caught me out on at least one point. On any hypothesis, extreme types must breed true if mated with those exactly similar to themselves. Browning & M<sup>r</sup> B. had one son who was, I believe, remarkable in no way. Possibly he was homozygous as regards certain harmful recessive genes besides those which result in the appearance of poofs! Moreover I said that a 6'6" man would have 6' sons if the mean height was 5'6". The man in the street will say

that if giants marry a mediocre mate,  
as scientists will assume, of course the  
offspring will be half way between the  
two parents. Hence I should word my  
statement differently; but my muddled  
old head does not tell me how to do  
so. I shall probably put my memo. to sleep  
with some other small stilt born babies,  
all of which gave me some amusement  
to write and can have done no harm -  
and this is more than many writers can  
say of their writings!

I hope all goes well with your  
family this Xmas time. Here all is  
very peaceful and quiet - unlike the  
rest of Europe.

Yours sincerely

Demond Dawson