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Dear Fisher,

I am really most grateful to you for giving up your time to the moth data: and so is Dordoswell, who caught the specimens. Your analysis throws more light on the situation than I could have hoped for.

Taking everything into consideration: Ecology of the species, area available for it on the island etc, I am inclined to feel that your estimate of 5,000 for the total breeding population, and 1,000 as the number flying at the highest level, is extremely reasonable. I had no clear idea what it would be but, thinking over the circumstances, I am convinced you are about right. Certainly

The 50% elimination is much higher than I should have expected - but I have no real grounds for this opinion.

I am sure it will be worth while from several points of view to get a better estimate this year. A system (which can easily be arranged) for dating the releases might provide quite satisfactory data. When, as I hope, we have obtained this information, I will bother you again about it, if I may!

I am so sorry about this Scholarship, I had particularly wanted to attend the Genetical Society meeting on Thursday. But the time-table is so complicated that they will not consider altering it - and such a lot of people are involved.

Thank you again for your very valuable help,

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. Ford