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My dear Ron,

Thank you indeed for your delightful letter. You will know how personally sorry I am that while Derek is here I have no spare room (though of course it is an especial pleasure to Philip to arrange for your stay in his College). You will I hope come to me in the early Autumn. Yes, I do want you to meet Derek again: naturally a few words with you would mean a lot to him. We will all dine together one night.

Yes, I believe if I stick to it - I shall see another cycle of population-frequency in a colony of Melitaea which I have, this time, in Cornwall. I personally believe there is a good chance of seeing some evolutionary adjustment as a result of it, in the same sort of way that we did before. At any rate I am taking a chance on it - it may

not come off; but you and I both know that
in science one has just got to take a chance
some times, provided it is a reasonable one
(and in view of past experience, I think this
is). To see the whole thing through, properly
quantified, will be worth doing if one can.

I do feel strongly about this matter
of nomenclature in the blood groups. I see
indeed the undesirability of considerable change;
but I do think that a unified system has
got to come sooner or later, and that lack
of one (I speak purely of a genetic nomenclature,
I would not touch Race's excellent 'Short-hand'
System) is really making grave difficulties. The
longer we delay the more difficult it is going to
be, as more and more non-unified terms
come in. I am sure if some such system,
acceptable to geneticists and the more open-
minded Serdovists, were adopted, Wiener
would hate it: but we cannot let that
weigh too strongly with us! The system

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I am proposing merely shows what I think
about it. If, as I fully expect, others
produce something better, how gladly I will
throw mine aside: but it may be useful
at least as a stepping-stone to something
superior.

It will be grand to see you.

Yours always,
Henry