

October 18, 1939

after October 21st

at Rothamsted Experimental Station,
Harpenden, Herts.

Dear Professor Cappell,

What we are collecting is a simple enumeration in 8 classes, by sex and group. The only serious precaution, when large numbers are being handled, is to make sure that the different groups refer to empanelments up to the same final date, and that no special class, e.g., Q donors who have been bled, has been left out of the enumeration.

If any secondary centre in your area is drawing volunteers from a different population, e.g., one conceivably distinguishable ethnologically, it will be valuable at this stage to keep the numbers separately, as, of course, they can easily be pooled later but not subdivided. I imagine at present you are confined to Dundee and district.

Frankly, I have not much hope of the family material being worth the considerable labour which it is likely to involve if you attempt it. As the above sounds rather discouraging, perhaps I ought to say that it would be wise to regard any family investigation that you attempted as completely independent of the direct enumeration of volunteers which I am compiling.

With many thanks, Yours sincerely,