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Dear Buchanan Smith,

I ceratinly think that the research outlined in your memorandum is worth the expenditure of money, and that your estimate of £300 a year, I suppose for about 5 years, is a moderate one.

As I have seen something of your data and of the complexity of the relationship between pedigree cows, even within close degrees of kinship I can state with confidence that the work you propose in the detailed sorting out of these relationships is the essential step necessary to the biometrical study of inheritance inyield and quality of milk. Without that I cannot see that any new data possibly available will carry us any farther than the conclusions of Gowen, which to my mind leave us still much in the dark.

Yours sincerely,