

Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

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Sir Ronald A. Fisher, Sc.D., F.R.S.,
Whittingehame Lodge,
44, Storey's Way,
Cambridge.

Dear Fisher,

Thank you for your letter and for the copies of your letter to McCrea and his reply. I have taken the liberty of asking my secretary to type out a copy of these and I am returning the originals and, in case you would like them, two typed copies as well.

It seems to me that the questions that you ask are particularly relevant to the whole of the discussion and I think that McCrea's answers are direct and informative, and cover points not previously published. The problem has raised a great deal of interest and I do think that it would be of the greatest value to have your letter and McCrea's published where they would have a wide circulation.

My first thought would have been to publish in Nature, but the Editors of Nature took a restricted view of the discussion before and did not publish many of the letters that had been sent them. I am rather at a loss to know what journal to suggest. One does not want so specialist a journal that only one small section of the public would read it. One possibility would be "Research", published by Butterworths. They would, I think, be glad to publish but they have a relatively small circulation. "Discovery" might be a possibility. It has, I think, a wider circulation and the Editor, Michaelis, is proposing to publish an article on Relativity. He asked me to write one but as I know nothing about it I had declined and suggested Bondi, who has, I believe, agreed to write such an article. Another possibility is the new journal which is just about to start up next month called "The New Scientist", of which Margerison is Scientific Editor. Another thought would be the national Press.

I am writing to McCrea and enclose a copy of my letter to him.)

Yours sincerely,



Dr J.S. Courtney-Pratt.

*I'll delay sending this
until I hear from you
JCP*