GALVESTON, TEXAS   Sept. 3, 1937.

Professor R. A. Fisher,
University of London,
London, England

Dear Professor Fisher,

Following the suggestion that you gave me at
Colorado Springs I have calculated the departures from normality of
distribution of 28 small sets of variates in the "cat titration"
method for standardization of cardiac glycosidal prepatations.
Table 3 enclosed shows the results, also those for the logs of the
variates.   Table 4 is not perhaps a useful compilation. De Lind
van Wijngaarden worked in Utrecht, indirectly for the League of
Nations. We got his detailed results from a book, "De Betrouw-
baarheid van physiologische IJkingen uitgewerkt voor Digitalis",
Schotanus and Jens, Utrecht, 1925.

I spent an enjoyable six weeks at Iowa State
College this summer in Snedecor's laboratory, and had there my
first formal instruction in statistics.   Hope it sticks.   It was
a great pleasure to astudyate with Snedecor, Brandt and Norton.
I am glad that Norton is to have the opportunity with you.   I am
sorry that I did not know till too late that you were there last
summer.

In connection with public health instruction
here I am to give an optional course in statistical methods. I feel
considerable misgivings about myself in that capacity, naturally,
but as Diaz said about the regiment of the Mexican Army that he
first served in, "Nada es peor" or something along that line,
meaning "better something than nothing". At least I hope so. After
17 years of trying to "underconstumble" what clinical and laboratory
investigators along the medical line are trying to say they think
they have proved, I feel that confusiontcould hardly be worse
confounded than at present.   At any rate I have a limited objective,
to demonstrate some simple applications of tests of significance.
To satisfy my own curiosity I have been reviewing calculus, which
seems to be indicated as a medicament for the alleged cerebrum.
Possibly I should read up differential equations very specially, but
I do not know really enough about the theory of probability to know
just what to read.   Our math dept. is 250 miles away, at Austin.

Brandt told me that you have several children.
If any of them are interested in American stamps I might be able to
send some of interest that come in on our mail from time to time,
and are saved for the ubiquitous stamp collector. Lately we have been
having a lot of commemoratives, a resource of a fisc in difficulties.
Some of these are quite interesting.

Thanking you for your kind assistance, and
regretting my delay in acknowledging it, I am
                              Yours sincerely,   W. T. Dawson