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Dear Professor Dean,

I am writing to you more particularly at the suggestion of Sir Humphry Rolleston, to ask if you could advise me in respect to a research project which I have in view in the Galton Laboratory.

I have been increasingly <sup>impressed</sup> interested now for several years <sup>by the</sup> ~~with~~ a view that serological tests are likely to be of increasing importance in human genetics, and may indeed revolutionise the subject as further knowledge is obtained. In particular Todd's work with poultry impresses me in this way, though Todd does not himself draw the genetical inferences which, I think, may fairly be drawn from his work.

Since taking charge of the Galton Laboratory I have interested some of the advisers of the Rockefeller Fund in the possibilities I have in view, and in particular in the possible value of serological tests as an adjunct to the collection of pedigrees on which genetical conclusions are to be based. The research

scheme I had in mind, which is a very modest one in relation to the size of the subject, requires a man with really good research qualifications and medical training, to be directly responsible for the work. The salary we have in view in a 5 years' scheme could rise from £650 to £'800. I have an animal house and believe I could give him good facilities for carrying out his work, and routine assistants to expand its scope when he has reached that stage. He will, of course, have to train his routine assistants.

What holds me up at present is that I do not know what sort of candidates I could attract for such a programme, and clearly the success of the scheme depends wholly on finding one who is both competent and enterprising and with some scientific acumen. I think no one will be able better than yourself to advise me as to this, and, perhaps, to put me in touch with likely candidates.

Yours sincerely,