

24th January, 1951.

My dear Donald,

Very many thanks for your helpful letter of January 22nd.

I have now been able to discuss it with Lord Rothschild. He suggests, and I entirely agree with him, that if identical twins cannot be made available to start their first lactation this year, we should aim at the Hannah at carrying out the first year programme with single calves. I believe we ^{may} ~~shall~~ have quite enough to learn about effectively unbiased milk yield testing to deserve the use of the space for such a preliminary run in the first year, with a view to following up with a second year's trial using identical twin material, which should give definite information as to the precision with which the testing can be done.

It seems to me very curious that, with all the milk testing organisations that have been built up in recent years, the question of reliability in assessing the genotypic factor should have been so widely ignored.

Yours sincerely,