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Dear Sir,

I have your letter of May 13th suggesting the publication of a new edition of The Genetical Theory of Natural Selection.

At various times in the past I have considered this possibility and have come to the conclusion that though a reprinting of the original edition would be in some demand, an effort to bring it "up to date" after 25 years <sup>or</sup> could constitute writing a new book, and if I wanted to do that I should do so without regard to the earlier publication. If, therefore, you think the matter worth discussing further, we might discuss it on the basis of a reprint with no alterations beyond <sup>the removal of</sup> a few annoying errata which are in the original text. Of course, if we were to do this I should be strongly tempted to annotate passages which can now be improved or corrected. The complete reorganization which at first suggests itself, I should like to avoid.

Sincerely yours,