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Dear Sir Ronald Fisher,

Please accept my very sincere apologies for not acknowledging sooner receipt of the reprints you kindly sent me at the beginning of the month. I have been away and found them here on my return yesterday. Dr. Ford and I had a most successful stay in the Scillies during early August and much to our delight, we found the spotting of the small justina population on the little islands almost identical with that of two years ago. We now know that the distribution has remained unchanged on Tean (the island where we camp) since 1946. A lot of other interesting information regarding the effectiveness of ecological barriers in influencing evolution has also come to light and no doubt Dr. Ford will tell you about it. I understand from Dr. Ford that later on you are kindly going to let us have some of the different strains of Lythrum to establish in the Nature Reserve here. It would seem to be an ideal habitat for the plant which is, in fact, quite common in the water meadows of the Itchin valley. I am most anxious that we should start some such series of experiments for which the reserve is ideally suited.

Thank you again for the reprints which I shall read with great interest. I saw the account of affinity in Nature.

Yours sincerely, sgnd. W.H. Dowdeswell.

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