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My dear Ron,

I do so much admire your suggested reply to Wright, written off so quickly and so effectively. It seems to me exactly what is needed, and I really have no alterations to suggest.

In general, I don't think it worth while to reply to criticisms. But there are exceptions, and here I believe is one. As you truly say, nothing will influence Wright himself; but there may be a great many people who will be misled by what he has written. He has a great following in America, and as he hides quite simple statements, and conceals his own confusions, in a cloud of mathematics, people may just feel he has just got away with it in a manner they don't quite understand.

So, my dear Ron, I do hope

you will publish this. Clearly it ought to
go to Evolution where Wright's own attack on
our paper appeared - and I am certain
Mayr will be only too glad to have it.

I should love to have a copy
of what you have written. Do you chance to
have a carbon you could let me have?
If not, I will have the one you sent me
copied before returning it to you. If you
could just let me know about this, I
could have the copy made if necessary,
and return yours to you the day after
hearing from you.

Yours truly,
Henry