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My dear Ron,

I hope you safely received the extensive but gubby letter written in our camp and consigned to our fisherman! We really have got splendid data this year and I am longing to discuss it all with you. Also to tell you of a most important piece of work which I am sure we ought to conduct on our island next year. I want to get your advice and opinion on that; if I may, but it will be a matter to talk over, not to attempt to put out in a letter.

I wonder whether we shall be getting proofs this week of the paper on the Maniola pirulina work which we sent in to "Heredity". It is so nice that you and Darlington feel that it falls within the scope of the journal. Indeed you and I have always interpreted Genetics widely, which I am sure is right;

but it is not anyone else is prepared to do so.

Now that Michie has got his mice here, I must tell you again what a magnificent opportunity it was for him to have them with you, and I am so glad that you approved of him and his work. He really is bitten with the excitement of mouse-genetics and, being no fool, he is both succeeding. But it was a wonderful thing for him to come to you - and for me too to have the mice here after he has had the experience of your laboratory and your own guidance. They are housed quite all right temporarily in our old animal house here. As soon as the new one is complete, they will have very fine accommodation, and then the old vertebrate animal house can be converted into an invertebrate breeding house for genetics.

Yours truly,

Henry