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My dear Ron,

It was very nice to find your letter awaiting me yesterday when I returned from the island of Tran. I had spent a month camping there with my friend Jowdrell doing ecological work, about which I do look forward to telling you. It is the uninhabited island in the Scilly group where we did the population study on the Common Blue butterfly. We had very bad weather: the recent great storms were no fun in a tent, but we have got some quite interesting results, I think. I won't spoil the story by half-telling it now: I want a proper chance to discuss it with you.

I am so glad you had an interesting time in the Stelias.

Cartier was very useful with dominula and did a good job. I am going to copy out the results in full for you and let you have them

is a few days. I am only just back, and there are over 100 letters waiting for me to deal with (he could neither receive nor send letters on our island); and dominula was in progress until we were fully at work packing, so I have had no chance yet to get it together.

I am delighted to hear you are coming to Oxford. I so much appreciate your taking dominula as an example here; and I am indeed delighted that you are going to say something about Wright's views - that badly needs doing.

Do come and stay with me for the occasion: I hope you can spend several nights. Can I tempt you with a final (or almost so) discussion of the dominula paper; an account of population - numbers, variation, and ecology on Tran; and new biochemical results bearing upon classification & the chemistry of pigments? I do hope you can manage to stay. I should love the chance of discussing these things.

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I see the date is November 15th. By
bad luck that was one of the ~~two~~ days covered by
the only two visits I had arranged for next term.
But I am sure that Doudeswell (who was coming
then) can quite easily alter his time, and I have
just written to ask him to do so in the hope that
you may be able to come to me.

Yours ever,

Henry