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My dear Henry,

It was nice to have such a splendid long letter from you as that of August 7th. I have hunted up the records of the two normals, and they are exactly of the same age, having been killed deliberately at 22 days, and from a healthy litter which was not in any way visibly backward. In fact this probably means one more day of effective growth, as the homozygote must have been dying before she was dead. Consequently the observation that the homozygote is more fully developed in some respects must be given full weight.

Sad to say, the second homozygote died at about a week, and, as is to be expected with early deaths, was eaten by the parents by the time the death was found. It is sad also that my 65mm buck died, for no known cause, soon after being put up in the new cage.

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Further data from Merton and from my own controls show that we are undoubtedly right about Lythrum, the evidence at present favouring the tetraploid interpretation, though I gather the chromosome number suggests hexaploidy. At present, however, evidence on this must be very weak either way.

Yours sincerely,

I am returning Rippon's letters