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My dear Fisher,

Thank you ever so much for your letter, which I found waiting for me here on my return from the north yesterday. I am delighted to hear that Taylor is prepared to test maternity hospital material. So far I have not had a chance to discuss the matter with La Gros Clark; for I had only one day in Oxford after I saw you, and he has been away this week. However, he will be back tomorrow, and I am going to discuss the matter with him on Monday. I think it most probable that, with his very appropriate medical connections, he will be able directly or indirectly to arrange this matter for us. Even if he cannot do much himself (and I suspect he can) I am sure he is just the right man to put us on to someone who can. You know that I am deeply impressed with the importance and interest of this matter, and will do everything I possibly can to obtain these tests one way or another.

How very kind of you to have got that information from Race on the frequency of antigen secretion. I so much appreciate the trouble you have taken.

It looks so much as if the higher value is due to the difficulty of getting the list with group O, that it seems best to use his figures for the other groups (omitting O); which in the group of 137 unrelated persons gives <sup>for 23</sup> 26.3% (with the very high figure of 37.7% for group O); and 21.1% (with 30.6% for 'O') in the 383 persons, many related. I have the page-proofs now, so I can only make small alterations. Consequently the best I can do is to say that the non-secretors seem to occupy from about 18 to 28% of the population. You remember the figures in Wiener, Zieve, and Fries (1936) gave 18.4% on a total of 87.

As you say, there is just a possibility that the difference is real. But I have not room to go into that; and it is possibly a thing which it is better for us to keep in our own minds for the moment until some more evidence comes along.

I have planned to see you on Thursday. There are to be about 63 for lunch, including the two Societies. A long letter from Miss Saunders to say she cannot afford lunch at 3/6, and will bring a pie and eat it in the Gardens (silly old thing!).  
With best wishes to Ruth,  
Ever yours, Henry.