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My dear Ford,

I think my operation has gone off well enough but I shall have to be in bed for some time and certainly during the period of the British Association in London. I see you are speaking with Huxley at a session on Evolution and I should much like to be there to hear you both. I hope that Huxley is also going to take my place in a sense at the discussion in Section D on population, at least I hope that he will take the time allotted to me and make any good use he can of it.

There is something hopelessly comic about our organised B.A. discussions. In form they consist of set statements by chosen experts, to be followed by a discussion in which the unspecialised but intelligent public will have an opportunity of registering its reaction. In that framework you then set Carr-Saunders, Hogben and Haldane for ex-cathedra statements, and, I fancy, ask Crew and MacBride to lead the discussion as representatives of the unspecialised intelligent public; but perhaps you may find time to turn up, and

and I hope you will, if only to lead the discussion back to sense before it closes.

I am frightfully bored, so do write about anything you would care to discuss.

Yours sincerely,