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Dear Sir James:

The leading article in 'The Times' of Saturday, 19th, and the letter to which it calls attention lead me to write this letter, first to thank you for your admirable letter of April 4th, of which our researches at the Galton Laboratory can endorse almost every word, and which, for my part, I thought most timely and opportune.

Secondly, I should like you to know that, personally, I have no sympathy whatever for the view that at the present time further fact-finding is more urgent than the forming of policy to cope with facts already well established. Nor does there seem, in fact, any prospect or possibility of the little unofficial committee, of which Carr-Saunders is chairman, discovering facts not already well known to research workers in Eugenic problems. You will have noticed, as I did, with regret that the question of population quality appears, from their published letter, to have no place in their programme. There would seem to be a real danger of this country being led to imitate the Russian and Italian examples of pressing merely for a numerical increase of citizens, and of ignoring the example of Germany in whose population policy the improvement of quality has a very large influence.

Yours sincerely,