

12th. June 1950.

My dear Kenneth,

Thanks for your letter. I will take no action, and if Jenkin writes will let him know that we have considered the problem and did not think it hopeful.

About cows, I have had a long talk with Slater and Blaxter of the Hannah centre, I think in Wyrshire. The latter seems tolerably competent, but an opinionated young man, who has been brought up to think that you cannot claim environmental care to be important unless you have first dismissed the fable that there is anything in inheritance. This argument really belongs in the political field, but certainly has been introduced among physiologists. However, I laboured to get him to see that the experiment was to ascertain whether something could be measured with accuracy and reliability, and that the discussion as to whether its value was due to environment or inheritance must wait until we know whether we can measure it or not.

If the experiment is undertaken I think there should be a small committee to watch over it, and particularly to see that it is competently followed up.

Yours sincerely,