

10th. March 1948.

Dear Medewar,

I was very glad to get your letter and to hear about your settling down in Birmingham. I have set aside a pair of the inbred Umbrous line which will, I think, be ready to travel in about a week's time. I could consign ^{them} ~~it~~ by train to Birmingham, phoning you the expected time of arrival, if that suited you better than sending over someone to bring them back.

The other pair I have selected are now fully adult. They belong to a different branch of the inbred G-line to which Yellow was introduced, namely one on the light belly allelomorph, A^L , with the pair of factors A^Y versus A^L , and Umbrous, U, versus non-Umbrous segregating in it. I should guess they were about as closely inbred as the others. In any case, using any branch of this material there is a prospect of a small amount, ^{as far as I know} ~~2%~~, of the germ plasm being of heterogeneous origin, and the more varieties you try the better I think is the chance of you finding something really suitable for your work. In addition I want as many people as possible to see Umbrous, which is not sufficiently well known, and particularly its reaction on Yellow, which is the subject of a most misleading statement by Grüneberg, who could have seen it for himself at the Galton Laboratory, but seems to have picked up

the impression that it was only one of a number of equivalent factors. It will, I think, not be very easily distinguished on the $A^L A^L$ homozygotes, but the effect is there between the neck and the shoulder blades.

Let me know whether ~~you~~ to consign them or to expect a visitor early next week.

Yours sincerely,