12 April 1932.

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Dear Parkes:

I return the squirrel data herewith; about the stoat, since the change is strictly cyclical I should fit a harmonic curve, with one, two or three harmonics as required, both to the absolute weights, and to their logarithms. The simplest effective representation should show up in these comparisons, and might well throw light on the comparisons of different species. As a statistical preliminary I should certainly take averages for months or half-months in the first instance, after which the harmonic fitting is an easy matter.

Yours sincerely,