My dear Rob,

Many thanks for giving me the pedigree. Of the two girls in the last family I like the  $\Lambda_{\rm l}B$  as showing that the Bombay types can be hidden B's, but for the second one, a secretor Le(b+), I am afraid we ought to think of an extra marital origin.

I presume that all the three Bombay types carry B in this case in the second generation, and that the grandmother was homo-zygous B, but that the grandfather had something funny in his non-secretor element which perhaps only in non-secretors produces the Bombay type 'syndrome'.

But I constantly forget the further details that have accrued about Lewis, so it may be that they need not all be non-secretors. Perhaps you know about this.

Sincerely yours,