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Dear Mr. Sergeant,

I was very much interested in your letter and hope that I and, perhaps, from time to time students in this department may keep in close touch with your breeding work.

I am not sure that it would be worth your while to take a regular course at Cambridge unless, of course, you intended to take a higher degree, i.e. a Ph.D., on what is nominally three years work, though some reduction of time is often possible under the regulations. The genetics of the domesticated fur-bearing animals is, of course, a limited field, some facts being doubtless kept secret for professional reasons. You would seem to be in the position of one needing to know a great deal about a particular process in chemical industry for whom most of a degree course in chemistry would be irrelevant. Of course, the general principles of the subject and the kinds of genetic situation ordinarily encountered will be of importance, but these are probably best grasped in the concrete, by consultation on the material presenting itself in conjunction with the small literature that has been published.

If you move to Cambridge I hope you may be in close touch with my department, and I shall be personally much interested that it should be of service to you.

Yours sincerely,