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Dear Professor Weinberg,

Thank you for your interesting letter. I am, of course, in entire agreement with you as to the necessity, in making racial comparisons, of standardising for age and social class.

I had not realised, however, that these statistics had encountered the difficulty which often arises in an acute form in British data, that birth registrations may come to be applied to classes to which they do not belong, as I have thought that you in Germany had achieved what is so much needed in modern statistics, viz. a permanent personal registration by means of which the past official record of the parents would be available to the Registrar at the time of the registration of their children.

Many thanks for telling me of this, since it is exceedingly difficult for a foreigner to understand the limitations of the national statistics available to another country.

Yours sincerely,