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My dear Bliss,

I have had a shot at drafting such a statement as you ask for in your letter in respect of data sent me under licence of the Board of Economic Warfare for my technical opinion and advice, or for publication in the appropriate scientific journal.

When you wrote, you had not heard that I have been elected to the Arthur Balfour Chair of Genetics in Cambridge. I expect to go there this fall, living in College and leaving my family here in Harpenden. The Department needs building from the floor up, but I find I can get hold of a very fine garden and I hope to convert a house there into a working laboratory.

You may be amused by the circumstance that I have now been chosen to succeed both of the two wise men who as referees rejected the first paper I submitted to the Royal Society. That was twenty-six years ago, and I think it must have been the only point on which the two referees were ever agreed.

Yours sincerely,

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Ronald Aymer Fisher, Galton Professor at the University of London, England, do hereby declare that I will treat as confidential all technical data sent to me for consultation or expert opinion under licence of the Board of Economic Warfare. I will take all responsible care that such data, and all information inferred therefrom, shall not be conveyed to persons hostile to the war effort of the United Nations, and that it shall be published, if at all, only in such form as the Board shall approve.

Harpenden, 19th June 1943.