April 11, 1940

Dear Bliss,

I am afraid I have left your letter of March 5th unanswered for some time. I am sending a copy of the comparison of samples paper, and should, as you know, be glad to send any others that you may want. Your name is on my mailing list right enough, but I evidently underestimated the width of the reading you are willing to undertake.

I cannot trace any letter of yours of July 28 on the Lactuca seedlings, though I have a copy of mine of June 2, so that references to it would be intelligible. I do not know whether you ever tried reweighting in the way I have done with a view to improving the equality of the weighted residual mean squares from different lengths of exposure. There is not, I think, much prospect of any great improvement in the actual analysis, but I think you wanted to be clear on the details of the method, and reworking with an improved weighting system has would make sure of this.

I am very glad to hear that there is now some evidence of your work being better appreciated in the United States. We can carry on fairly well here at Rothamsted, though it is necessarily inconvenient for Norton and Stevens. I imagine, however, that Norton will return to the States this year.

Yours sincerely,