

July 11, 1940

Dear Lesse,

Many thanks for your interesting letter of June 28th. Evidently my reply of June 5th had not reached you by that time. I am enclosing a copy of this on the chance that the first may have gone astray.

I am exceedingly glad to have the new data, especially on the three oranges, which doubles my information on this species; two non-tasters out of six so far. Both chimps and oranges seem able to express disgust and disappointment most comically, though their faces are such different shapes. I am sorry your gibbons were shy. We got seemingly convincing reactions from a few, but not all, in the London Society's collection; but I believe one could make mistakes with them much more easily than with the larger apes. It may perhaps need someone with a great deal of experience of these animals to test them properly.

I should think Loudon would enjoy joining you at the Bronx if you fall in with him at New York. It would be a new show to him.

We have had cables from Hotelling in New York suggesting that all our six daughters should come to the States. I do not know yet whether anything of the kind will prove possible, for both shipping and official difficulties seem to be a little formidable; but we are seriously making enquiries, and I thought you might like to know in advance of this threatened invasion of your country.

Yours sincerely,