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41, Storrey's Way.

Dear Pioller,

I am very glad you are thinking of statistics in connection with biology. There will be a considerable demand for people with so much experience as yours in connection with post-war development. For example I have recently been asked to advise the A.R.C. in a fairly ambitious project, namely, the building up in Cambridge of a statistical centre comparable with that at Rothamstead, i.e. a centre with highly qualified staff carrying out primary or fundamental researches and developing and supplying methods for the use of weaker brethren attached as whole or part time statisticians to the different centres of the country in which the A.R.C. are interested.

These are viz., Rothamstead with which relations can, of

course, be perfectly cordial. Such a centre would be expected to take over most of the large amount of work connected with animal husbandry, breeding and veterinary medicine. I think it should be a most interesting field, and there are not very many useful people immediately fit to be appointed to it. I have not yet heard any final decision of the A.R.C. as to the final lines of development they will approve, but I think this a possibility worth bearing in mind.

Of course you may use my name in applying for the Oxford post. I certainly do not know that they will be able to secure any one better.

Yours sincerely,