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My dear Ron,

I am quite delighted to find that you approve what I have written for the broadcast. That is the greatest possible encouragement to me.

I have been through yours. How good of you to send me a draft of it. I see it is a carbon. It will, without doubt, be a pleasure and profit to me if I can retain it, but if you would like it back you have only to let me know, and I would send it off by return.

Be sure that your charming references to myself, both in regard to the experimental study and observation of natural selection and in regard to polymorphism, is a real joy. You may perhaps know that praise from you is the highest thing that I desire.

S I see a very minor point. You are using LMS for the blood groups in question. I am substituting L for S, since I do think there is real confusion in using ~~this letter~~ both for the group and for Secretor. However, you may quite well think it better to keep things as they are in a broadcast. *myself*

On Page 11, where you rightly draw attention to the work of Fraser Roberts, I do feel that Dr. C. A. Clarke and Philip Sheppard have now done as much, or more, than he. Their work on Secretor in respect of duodenal ulcer is very telling, so it seems to me.

What a delightful survey you have given of Fossil Man. What was an unexpected pleasure, which I should like you to know I have thoroughly enjoyed. But the whole build-up of this broadcast is, as I should expect, masterly.

Yes, we do overlap here and there, but I really do not think that matters a bit. For the uninformed in this subject, there is quite a bit that is intricate and, to hear the same thing explained in slightly different wording, may be useful provided those who explain it are in accord, as you and I are.

Yours always,

*Henry*