

7th May, 1958.

My dear Henry,

Thanks for your two letters. I, also, have written to Dr Simons of the B.D.C. trying to get information, but so far have got none. Presumably D. K. S. Watson was his choice, advised conceivably by Cyril Darlington. Anyway, I am still almost completely in the dark.

I am exceedingly glad to hear that De Beer wants a permanent Darwin Exhibition involving, among other things, something on the technique of release and recapture. Of course I am glad that our joint work should be used in this way.

If I remember right there was a silly chap somewhere in Oxford who wrote about this method and its calculations, and for a time at least seemed to influence Philip Sheppard. I hope he is no longer troubling you.

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Henry,

I have on the enclosed sheet re-drawn the triangle for females from page 75 of Heredity, Volume 3. As none of the insects seem to have been withdrawn from circulation, the insects released are now exactly the same numbers as those caught on the same days. This, I believe, is also true of the males, so that there is no need for me to draw up the triangle again, as the only alteration lies in the margin showing the numbers of insects released. Of course, as you are fully aware, calculations of the death-rate, population numbers, etc., would use the numbers of marks released, but as you say, a simple exhibit of data of this kind is probably better understood using, in this margin, the numbers of insects. I hope this gets over your difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

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