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Dear Professor Stanley Gardner,

Many thanks for your letter, which answers my query completely. I had feared that the Government Grant Committee funds would not be available for maintenance. I do, however, think that evolutionary theory would be considerably furthered by properly designed experiments carried out on material suitable for exact experimentation, and, as in the case of Artemia, offering to shed light on special points, - and Gross has certainly a full mastery of the technique of rearing these animals and seems in other ways a cautious and skilful experimenter. On this point I should like to know the advisability of approaching Section D of the British Association for a grant to enable him to continue his research, in the event of the Academic Assistance Council failing to provide further maintenance. I could, in any case, hardly expect the B.A. to put up more than about £50, but even this might encourage the Academic Assistance Council to continue their support.

You mention <sup>ed</sup> the possibility of  
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paying a visit to my poultry experiment with a party of others from Cambridge. I wonder if this will be possible at some time after the British Association meeting at the end of September or the beginning of October. I have been able to show them this year to a number of interested geneticists, including Punnett, and the results are, I think, decisive on the major issue, though at least one year's further experimentation will be needed to establish, by breeding tests, the conclusion drawn from this year's material. Up till now the experiment has been very generously supported by Mr. Spedan Lewis, who has given in all £500 towards it. His subvention, however, terminates this year and I should like to know if there would be any chance of the Government Grant Committee increasing their support to £100 for two further years, it being understood that the experiment should be definitely terminated at the end of 1936. I have already what I think all will admit to be ample preliminary results to show that the support hitherto received from the Committee has been well spent.

Yours sincerely,