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Professor Stanley Gardner,
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Cambridge.

Dear Professor Stanley Gardner,

I am writing to ask your advice about a Dr. Gross, a Jewish refugee, who has been working partly with Huxley at King's College and partly at the Galton Laboratory during the past year. He has shown himself to be a good cytologist and a skilful experimenter, and has been supported during the past year by a small grant from the Economic Assistance Council.

I hope and expect that this grant will be continued for another year, but am most anxious to give him security for at least two years, in order that he may undertake an experimental programme which would be completed in that period. I enclose a plan which he has drawn up for such an experiment on the selective response of different races of Artemia, which I think, and hope you will agree, should make a definite contribution to our knowledge of the mechanism of evolutionary change.

The point on which I should particularly value your advice is the possibility, in the event of the Economic Assistance Council failing further

support in 1935, of gaining at least a living for Gross and his wife, say £250, which is the level of his present grant, from other sources, such as the Government Grants Committee of the Royal Society.

I am sure that this body is pressed for grants from all sides, and am not at present clear as to whether it gives grants at all to make living expenses, or only for apparatus and running costs, which in this case should not be very great and which I could, if necessary, meet out of the Laboratory funds. It would not, however, be advisable for him to undertake any long experimental programme unless it were possible to rely, with at least some probability, on support from other sources, and it is these that I am anxious to explore.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Please return the plan for further research, as I have no spare copies.