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Dear Ruggles Gates,

Thanks for your letter. I have not read Little's paper, but I was aware that Trevor, writing on race mixture in, I think, the Eugenics Review, had claimed that no increased variability was observable in the later generations of hybrids. I should be inclined to suppose that this view is possible only by reason of misstatements and other causes leading to the confusion of the generations and to numbers of genuinely homogeneous groups being

insufficient to detect real differences in variability, for rather large numbers are needed for this, even if the true variances are fairly largely different.

I am not much inclined to give the work needed for examining exactly what the author has done, since it is almost inconceivable that his material should be sufficiently good to answer any such question.

Yours sincerely,