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Dear Fisher,

In reply to your letter, perhaps I was not very clear. It was not my view that the second Darwin Research Studentship should necessarily be devoted for an unlimited period to racial crossing, but as Trevor is likely to be re-elected for a second year, the question will hardly arise before next spring. Trevor's purpose, I take it, is to summarize present results as far as he is able, both on the biometrical and genetical side, and to endeavour to harmonize them. As I see it, racial crossing is one of the great problems of the future and if future Darwin Studentships are devoted to it they would need to do something more than summarize other people's results and they would need to be in the nature of first-hand investigations of cross-breds, either in this country or elsewhere. Of course the world is full of pockets of such people and views about racial crossing will continue to be indefinite until several detailed investigations of particular hybrid populations have been investigated from the genetical and social points of view.

There is therefore, as I see it, plenty of material, provided suitable persons can be found for the investigation. I did not know that you apparently have some other investigation in mind. It might be useful to have a talk about the matter. Wont you come and have lunch with me? Almost any day would do if you would give me a ring on the telephone.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R.R. Gates". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right from the end of the name.