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Dear Ruggles Gates,

Thanks for your letter explaining what happened about the Darwin Research Studentship. I am a little staggered at the thought of a series of research students being asked to work on the subject of race-crossing, as, on the biometrical side, even Trevor seems to have done nearly all that is worth doing with the existing material, and opportunities for adding to the existing fund of observations to an appreciable extent are scarcely to be expected. However, if you think that a series of studentships devoted to this subject could really be made profitable, I am inclined to say no more about it, lest I should do anything to discourage what may be a valuable enterprise. I do, however, want to know that you yourself are satisfied that it would be proper to use half of the available funds in this field.

Yours sincerely,