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My Dear Fisher,

You will recall that you kindly gave the G.G. Committee for Zoology the benefit of your opinion in the matter of Zucker's application for £400 for computation services. The application was declined by the Committee and I have had a letter from Z. asking my advice about putting in another application. He was told that doubts had been expressed as to the statistical validity of his work, and that more information as to the expenditure of the money was felt by the Committee to be needed.

In respect to the former point he said that Yates had vetted the statistical aspects. How far this is wholly true I do not know. But clearly the best interests of Science would probably be served if Zucker were discussed the matter with you. This could not however be suggested without practically betraying the anonymity of his critic which you may desire to preserve. If however you should be willing to discuss the matter with him I would suggest his doing so prior to submitting a second application.

With kind regards
J. J. Fisher