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Dear Jeffery,

Thanks for your letter of June 29th, which personally I find really encouraging.

I am not sure whether to judge from it that a decision has already been taken about Morant, or whether any further opinion from me is asked for. I have letters from Fawcett and Le Gros Clark which show no serious diversity of opinion, and it may be my letters to them have already been put in evidence, though I was more concerned to elicit their opinion than to express my own.

Morant's popular book left me a little puzzled, for, so far as craniometry is concerned, he seems to fall back on the pre-Pearsonian Cephalic Index as the only reliable guide at present available, and in its political implications, although obviously antagonistic to supposed Nazi racial doctrines, he seemed to play into the enemy's hands by leaving the impression that Central Europe, irrespective of linguistic type, was more uniform racially than one had been inclined to suppose. I do not think it occurred to him how well this doctrine suits the policy of the suppression of Czech and Polish nationalities. However, I should agree that one should not judge scientific findings by their political implications.

Yours sincerely,