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Dear Leclerg,

It was a pleasure to get your letter with news of your meeting with Lamer at Dallas.

I am not in such a state of utter stagnation as in the first year of the war, when all affairs of national importance were in the hands of officials of such superlative competence and foresight that it was a positive insult to suggest that any extra help would be useful. In fact, we are now allowed to do a bit towards improving the current experiments in animal husbandry, with a suspicion that successful work, if acted on, may increase the food supply or free a certain amount of tonnage.

I am exceedingly sorry, but I never had any number of the Calcutta Lectures for distribution, as the book was published by the University of Calcutta. If this is inaccessible to you, as would seem likely, the old paper on Theory of Statistical Estimation in the Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc., Vol 22: 700-725, covers a lot of ground very compactly, and is a good theoretical supplement to the chapter in my book. The best general discussion of the theoretical background that I have given at all recently is the lecture I enclose

from the Tercentenary Celebrations at Harvard (Uncertain Inference).

Yours sincerely,