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Dear Provost,

I am glad to get your letter of September 30th. In particular I am glad of your statement as to working in the department after removal to Rothamsted, or elsewhere: "I have not put any ban upon them, such as you suggest, nor do I intend to". This appears to clear the way for such a removal as I have had in mind since our last talk.

You further say: "Should they work at Rothamsted I am not prepared to sanction the expenditure of any College funds towards meeting any additional cost thereby incurred". The word "additional" is, I suppose, intended to draw a distinction between overhead costs allocated to myself and secretary and those allocated to other members of the Department. Such a distinction would be difficult to draw in practice, and, as you will recall, we have not yet discussed it.

As I ^{have} had a favourable offer of accommodation for the computing unit from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, perhaps you will confirm that your statements respecting Rothamsted would apply equally in the event of removal to the London School. I shall have to make other arrangements for the animals and those in charge of them. In order to simplify the question of overhead charges,

will you please specify, if you wish, an upper limit to the overhead expenses which I may look to the College to defray. I can then ascertain whether the offer from either the London School of Hygiene or from Rothamsted can be negotiated within your limit.

In the meantime I presume that other members of my department should be free to attend here to carry out the preliminary arrangements for removal.

In your letter to my assistants you ask, on the authority of yourself and the Chairman of the College that they should cease to carry on their work in the Department of Eugenics. Will you please now let them know positively that this prohibition does not apply to the work of the department after its removal from its present premises. As this removal should take place as soon as possible, there will ^{also} be a good deal of work connected with it to be attended to immediately.

Before deciding on removal I should be glad also to have definite arrangements with the College for the laboratory running expenses, cost of animals and petty cash. There has been, I believe, this year some delay in paying Miss Karn what is due. There will also be some slight non-recurring expenses due to moving to new quarters, for which I should be glad to receive explicit authorisation.

As regards the term "nucleus of the department" which you use, I did not take it to mean the whole of my department, since, in fact, half of it was already engaged on war work. I ^{was} surprised,

however, that you should interpret it as solely myself and secretary, with no provision for the care of the animals. However, this is perhaps now merely an academic point.

Yours sincerely,