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Dear Sirs,

I am sending a short communication which I am afraid is not so long as that which you suggest, but which I hope may make one or two points clear. I should excuse sycalf from conforming more exactly to your suggestion, because when I think of the other topics that might be taken up the prospect lengthene and the amount of material that should properly be included becomes rather large.

I am anxious to express myself with the utmost clarity, because I want to be understood by people who are not experts in genetics or in statistics, but who have a right to know it when the wool is publied over their eyes. At the moment, too, I am in the happy position that the only point so far contested seems to be that of the validity of the twin method, which the Maudeley data seem to deal with very satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,