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Dear Egon Pearson:

As you probably already know I have been invited by the special board and the Provost to stand for the Galton Chair of Eugenics, and am very much attracted by the invitation. I have been strongly assured, and can well believe that this is your generous attitude, that you are well disposed towards my appointment. The Provost has shown me the letter he wrote you defining the relations between the new departments of Eugenics and Statistics. His ruling seems to me a sensible one, more especially as it really leaves to our own good sense to see that the work and reputation of the old department do not suffer by its fission.

During the last few years a number of students have come to me under the guise of voluntary workers, with a view to learning statistical methods, especially on those points on which I have differed from your father. I think we must anticipate that these will continue, and only hope we can avoid

their becoming an embarrassment. I suppose the academic ideal is that they should hear both views and use their own brains, but I have not enough experience to know that this would work out well, and should be glad to know how you view this particular difficulty, which I have put before you as frankly as possible.

Whatever the difficulties, however, I should like to say that I have every confidence that I shall never regret having to rely on your cordial and sincere cooperation.

Yours sincerely,