

21st December 1954

Dear Pearson,

Thanks for your letter. I shall be very much interested to see the draft of your comments.

There is just one point on which I ought to be perfectly clear, if I have not made myself so already, and that is, that though, as far as I can judge, it would be legitimate to make a discontinuous distribution continuous by randomising the experimental procedure, I do not think it can be legitimate as a purely subsequent process in the statistical laboratory. I mention this to avoid the embarrassment of repudiating unnecessarily any development of my ideas which you may put forward for discussion and embarrassment, which would be obviated if you yourself expressed doubts as to the validity of this extension.

Yours sincerely,