November 1, 1937

Dear Professor Romanovski,

I am delighted to learn that one of your pupils has translated my "Design of Experiments", and, naturally, wish the greatest success to this publication. Nevertheless your request for a photograph does somewhat embarrass me, for the following reason.

I understand that the Soviet Government does not legally recognise the copyright laws of other countries, although, in fact, they make arrangements with the publishers who possess these copyrights. I do not think my publishers, Messrs Oliver & Boyd, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh, have been approached, or have given, permission for this translation, and in these circumstances I cannot myself cooperate in what they may regard as an infringement of their rights.

I have reason to believe that, if the Department concerned, approached Messrs Oliver & Boyd with an offer of no great magnitude, even though payable only in internal currency, they would be prepared, with this formal acknowledgement of their rights, and would at my request not stand in the way of what may be a valuable publication. Would you, or Mr Peregoodoff, take the matter up with the Russian authorities, in which case

I should be happy to cooperate.

I am glad to hear that your services in University organisation are now being recognised, even though the additional work may withdraw your time from mathematical statistics. I should very much indeed like to possess a copy of your book when it is published.

With best wishes to yourself and your family,
Yours sincerely,