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Dear Taylor,

7 I have not given much attention to Myslevic's paper, for obvious reasons. In his opening sections he is, I imagine, stating the obvious in saying that the one degree of freedom represented by Bernstein's difference is quite inadequate, if it happens to be small, to supply evidence that the data are homogeneous and undisturbed genetical proportions. Such a test would obviously be insensitive to all sorts of disturbance, and on one degree of freedom two disturbances of totally different origin might well have opposite effects, and neutralise each other.

I have, as you know, quite strongly suggestive evidence of disturbances in the population of British donors, which are not easily explained - I will not say they are not explainable - by technical errors or race mixture. I have let you have, from time to time, fragments of the evidence, and expect to have something more decisive to show you when I have more material summarised. It is, of course, not impossible that when other factors have been demonstrated they will be found to explain a part of the general irregularities to which Myslevic is concerned to call attention. It seems to me obvious that he is quite unfitted to make any genuine contribution

to the elucidation of the anomalies which he wants to write about; but it might be thought unfair not to let him try, if anyone can be found willing to publish his material on its own merits. I should definitely refuse to recommend anyone to do so, but this, I think, should not be taken as standing unfairly in his way.

I am sorry you have been bothered by all this.

Yours sincerely,