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My dear Tedin,

I have just got your letter of June 20th. and am sorry that there was delay in mailing it, as on the case presented I should have no doubt for a moment that the differences between families must be compared with the differences between whole plants within families. Otherwise, by taking enough shoots from each plant one could reduce the heterozygous ^{genetic} "total within families" down to the level of that between plants.

You will understand, however, that though it is a pleasure to interchange views with my colleagues on statistical problems, I do not set up as a judge to settle cases of dispute and would not care to do so, unless approached by both parties in a spirit anxious to arrive at a friendly understanding of an objective difficulty. Everyone is liable to make mistakes, and the best termination of their evil effects is for them to be discovered by their author!

Yours sincerely,