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My dear Gerard,

I was glad to get your letter of March 19th. Would it not be a good scheme to fix, of your arbitrary and unfettered will, some week-end in late April, May and June, and, if the accustomed obstacles occur, confront the Buzzards with a previous engagement, or get us phoned that you are hors de combat and must try again another time.

My zero hour is about mid-April, as I plan to get away with "Henry" Ford pursuing priories in Somersetshire during the first half of the month, but accommodation seems almost non-existent and it may be we shall be defeated and return dejectedly home. For the moment, though, we are inclined to travel hopefully.

I heard from Fraser Roberts and told him that I didn't think, under the management of Blacker and his friends, that the Eugenic Society was going to be any good to eugenics in general, or to this country in particular. For my own part, I shall stay away, sending

my good wishes to those who choose to labour in what looks like an unprofitable field.

A propos of your Captain, I find that some of the few mathematicians who have considered the kind of problem involved in Latin Squares, Balanced Incomplete Blocks, etc., have spoken of them as Tactical Configurations. Do you not think that the Higher Command of the Home Guard would like, say, Yates to give a series of lectures on Tactical Configurations, which sounds awfully military, with a view to learning how to fix things up in general with a certain amount of system and equity?

Yours sincerely,