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Prof. R.A. Fisher, Sc.D., F.R.S.,
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Dear Professor Fisher,

In reading up various papers on the method of Maximum Likelihood, I have come across frequent references to your first paper entitled "On an Absolute Criterion for Fitting Frequency Curves" published in the "Messenger of Mathematics", 1912. This Journal appears to be very rare, however, and as I have not found a copy in any of the libraries which I have tried as yet, including the Science Library. I wonder whether you still have any reprints available. If so, I should be very much obliged if you would let me have one.

I have also been unable to obtain a copy of your 1921 paper in Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc., entitled "Mathematical Foundations of Theoretical Statistics". Neither the Royal Society library nor the Cambridge University Press has any copies left for sale and as I would like to obtain one for my own use I should be very much obliged if you could tell me whether you know of any copies anywhere.

Yours sincerely,

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Physicist.