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My dear Professor,

It is a long time now since you have been waiting news from me concerning the research on twins and I am sorry to say that we are still far from the end. However, we have met considerable difficulties in persuading the twins to give help to us and it is only now that the work has started to progress smoothly by means of a very simple trick. I am not yet able to predict what fraction of the twins will be co-operative, but I hope something like 50% should give us enough information to be useful.

There are three questions I have to put forward to you :-

1. The first is a very minor one. I am at the moment in search of an information that may perhaps be easily available to you. I have written a short biographical note of the Reverend T. Bayes for a dictionary to be published in Italy and I am at a loss to find his birth ~~date~~^{year}. I wonder if you have this information at hand and could send it to me. It would be of great help.
2. I am likely to spend a week in Cambridge on an invitation by the British Council. I am not yet quite sure how this will fit in with my present very heavy duties, but I should like if possible, to pay this visit while you are in Cambridge. Therefore, I would like to know what are your general plans for the present Academic year, in terms of visits abroad.
3. I am making plans for the financial budget 1959/60 and I would like to have some indication from you as to whether you might like to spend a period of some months with us as a Statistical and Genetical Consultant for the Rome laboratories of the National Nuclear Research Council. We have problems both of genetical statistics in men and of starting a mice breeding apparatus. As the laboratories concerned are still at a planning stage, I can only be very tentative, but it so happens that one has to make a financial programme even before one knows whether one will have the money or not and whether the laboratory buildings will actually be finished or not. However, we should have at least some statistical activity going on which might interest

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you even if the development of the mice breeding may take a longer time. I should just like to know if such a plan might interest you or not and am of course prepared to provide any further details you may require. The best time would probably be in the Spring of 1960, at least from the point of view of climate, but you may already have engagements for such dates, in which case, it would be useful for me to know.

I hope your children and yourself are doing well. So are we.

With all best wishes.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luca".

(L.L. Cavalli-Sforza)

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