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My dear Lerner,

It was nice of you to think of writing and giving me your current views as to terminology etc. Of course, all this is very much a matter of convention and often of local, rather than universal, usage, and as you may have judged, I was concerned to point to the study of wild populations, or at least of uncontrollable^{ed} populations, as some human nations are not properly described as wild, for which the term "Population Genetics" was, I fancy, originally intended. I did also want to point to various techniques of handling material in culture and especially^{to} inbreeding and^{to} selective improvement programmes, as having developed technically a good deal in recent years and deserving a special study by the student of the subject.

All this I imagine you agree with and for the rest, ^{so} as long as we know what the other man means, it matters very little what language he uses.

In any case it is immensely nice to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,