

April 4, 1940

Dear Dr O'Brien,

I have your letter of March 29th, and am writing at once to clear up what may be a misunderstanding about your letter to me of April 27th, which you mention saying you received no acknowledgement of it.

I duly received this letter and on May 11th sent the reply of which I enclose a copy, involving a memorandum on the work on human genetics to that date, a list of serological workers and assistants, and a list of papers published by the serological unit. I originally sent you offprints from the latter, but now send list expanded with recent additions. It would seem that it was my reply that had gone astray.

I am sending your last letter to Taylor, who is at the moment on holiday in Cornwall, to collect any more recent information he would like to put before you. One of his boys has been called up and replaced, I believe.

We still have no information as to whether it is the intention of the College to return to their Gower Street buildings next October and it may be that this will be in doubt until the end of the Summer.

I am afraid I shall lose this year my statistical assistant, Horace Norton, whose wife returned to the States last year, where he wants to rejoin her.

My only financial embarrassment will arise from the fact that my laboratory assistant, on whom I rely for maintaining my mouse colony and other experimental animals, will be called up, presumably this Spring or Summer, and the College will not find the salary for an assistant to replace him. I think I could get a girl to assist with the work for about £1 a week, but in view of the uncertainty of the College's movements, it is impossible to make more than temporary arrangements. However, this is a point that I should be very glad to discuss with you when you are again in England.

Please let me know if there is any further information on the serological unit, or other points, which you would like to have and which is not covered by the Memorandum of May 11th.

Yours sincerely,