

10th June, 1971

Dr. John T. Edsall  
Department of Health, Education  
and Welfare  
Fogarty International Center  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014  
U.S.A.

Dear John

I have just come back from my holiday to find your letter of April 30.

I entirely agree with you that the problem of human numbers is at the moment overriding. There has been a very radical change within the last ten years with the exception of a few bodies like the Roman Catholic Church. This point of view is now widely accepted. Moreover, increased funds are already being put into such research. I don't think the small amount of money which is needed to start eugenics research will in any way compete with this. The main difficulty is that people have to start thinking out eugenics in a different way. The Nazis gave it a bad name and I think it is time something was done to make it respectable again.

As far as I can see, we are in agreement on all this, except perhaps for a slight difference of emphasis.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely