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Dear Francis,

Very many thanks for your letter about I.Q's and the like. I hadn't realised you were christened 'Francis' after Francis Galton, my opinions of whom are embodied in the enclosed piece from T.L.S.

There is no means of encouraging a favoured class to reproduce without offering inducements that will not have to be withheld from a less favoured class, and politically this is simply not on. Shrill cries of 'elitism' would prohibit any rational discourse.

In any case your project is an example of just that kind of Utopian or holistic social engineering Sir Karl Popper, FRS, exposed and confuted in The Open Society and Its Enemies.

I agree about the poverty and the antiquity of the data, but even if we started again from now with an enormous grant from say, the Ford Foundation, I honestly don't know exactly what one would do with it.

Jean and I have some friends near Los Angeles with whom we might spend a night or two on our way from New York to Hawaii.

If this comes off as we hope, our putative hosts Jill and Phil Spalding may ask you to join them for an evening party. If they do, please accept because I would love to see you again. I am going to ask them to invite Ray Owen too, because he and I have much to discuss.

In connection with this visit it occurs to me that we shan't be making off for Hawaii until 1 p.m. on March 21st, but if some of the cell biologists would like to hear about My Work on ANAPLASIA, I would be delighted to perform at about 10.30 a.m. on Monday, March 21st, an action which with any luck will help to contribute towards our travelling expenses New York-L.A.

Please let me know fairly promptly if this idea appeals. If not, I'll get in touch with Ray Owen at Caltec.

It was fun hearing from you, anyway.

Yours,

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