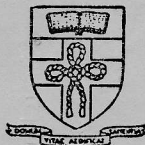


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Dear Mr. Davidson,

Thank you very much for the batches of eggs from the PBA & GSW colonies. Both seem to be well established so I hope I shant have to trouble you again. Thank you also for the modified sections of the WHO manuscript. I have only a very minor comment which you can act on or ignore as you please. In the last paragraph of the "Causes of Sterility" section you could add to melas & merus, sp.C. I am enclosing in a letter to Garnet a photo of a squash from a spC[♀]x sp A [♂] F1 hybrid which I think provides sufficient evidence to include Sp C in the last paragraph.

With regard to supplying eggs of Sp. C, I am doing my best to help. I have a cage of F1 mosquitoes which came from Chirundu which I hope is sp.C. I do not wish to spare any for identification until I have built the numbers up. As soon as I get sufficient eggs I shall send you some. Things are not as easy as they were, since the Ministry of Health has withdrawn my field staff from Chirundu (The secretary for Health told me that he was horrified to find members of his staff working in a foreign country!) The staff from Uzumba had been withdrawn some time ago so I have very little assistance now. However, if this colony comes to nothing I shall make a trip to Chirundu and try to get some wild material as I did before.

My research has lagged recently because of a course of lectures, but I am starting up again now. I am attempting to get some evidence on the behavioural isolation between the forms. It is an aspect which does not give quick results I find! I am also proceeding with the cytology, but again this does not yield quick returns.

I received a note the other day about an outbreak of malaria at Triangle (near Hippo Valley) and am going down to investigate in a day or two. I may get some sp. C at the same time.

I hope all is well with you.

Yours sincerely,

Hyacinth Robinson.