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Dear Mr. Davidson,

I am afraid this letter will not reach you in time for the remarks about your contribution to the Rev. Malar. to be of much use. Anyway I was in agreement with practically everything you wrote so this is not of much importance.

The only point I should have put differently myself occurs in the section headed "Experiments with sterile males". At the end of this section I would have liked a paragraph pointing out that the method may fail in nature because the hybrid males may not be able to mate with the females of the pure forms due to the "scrambling" of the behavioural isolating mechanisms. You will recall that I made this point in the MS "Saltwater A. gambiae on Mauritius" which is still in press.

Another small matter: The records of A. merus from Swaziland, P.E.A. and Natal mentioned at the bottom of p.9 have been published in Nature 201, pp 524-525.

All in all I think your paper is an excellent review of the subject.

I think that your outline for the WHO review of the subject fits the bill very well. I understand from Garnet that the map will not be ready. I think that this is just as well since it will allow more time to perfect it - an important point since we hope it will be standard for a long time. Please let me know a deadline for the supplying of information. Do you want any pictures of breeding places of A. merus and Sp. C?

With my best wishes to you for 1965.

Yours sincerely,

Hy H Paterson.