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Dear Henry,

Thank you for your two interesting letters of April 8th.

Your suggestions for the seminar were most helpful. Dick Remington has written to say that he may be in London in May and I hope we shall have a chance to discuss them then and draft a timetable for the meeting.

With regard to faculty, my own feeling is that it should not be very large. I should like perhaps a core faculty of 7 or 8 and an associate faculty of 3 or 4. In addition to this there are of course likely to be the usual extras from distinguished visitors.

With regard to the Rome meeting report, I think you will find that nearly all your suggested amendments have been incorporated in the final version - at least I hope so.

I liked your historical note on MPTs, but in your letter you did less than justice to the U.S. initiative in this direction. I think in Europe we have been more fortunate than you in regard to the way that timing has happened to work out. Your ideas on the need for trials unfortunately coincided with a recession in fund giving in epidemiology. Our more belated development happens to have coincided with a small boom.

Yes. Please try and visit in October on your way home. Nellie and yourself have an open invitation to stay with us at any time. On the other hand Ceridwen and I will quite understand if you prefer to stay in the city rather than be rusticated.

Yours,

Professor Geoffrey Rose