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Johannesburg,  
September, 1958.

Dear Professor Wiener,

I must really ask your pardon for having written to you about my difficulties in life: I often act under compulsion, knowing full well that I shall expose myself to the impartial blasts of mankind, but seldom by prudence. I felt a certain amount of temptation and licence in the preface of your book "I am a Mathematician" to act as I did. I picked on you as an audience for two reasons:-

- i) Because I knew of no other man who would have the decency to reply
- ii) Because I am deeply perturbed about the question, "What is it that makes a mathematical physicist?" (Is it surprising that I should turn straight away to the Hercules of Mathematics, for who should know better than he?)

I respect the true mathematicians above all men, both because of the astounding degree of self-control which he ~~is~~ exercises (except when pushed, of course!) and because of his understanding of fields of human activity foreign to his usual ~~own~~ run.



But you people have such a ramification of quills protecting your true selves that it is really a science to approach you at all. Do you agree that there is no room for any form of emotionalism ~~in~~ or personal opinion in mathematics? In this respect, to pursue one's interest through math. stands in direct opposition to the noble efforts of the literary man who, as you say, "thrives on conflict" and incongruity.

I am deeply grateful to you that you have spared your valuable time to write words of encouragement to me, particularly at a time when I can find no good reason to live. I have only to look to men of your calibre to know that there must be an excellent reason to live: the great difficulty is to find it. Since I am convinced that I have some potential as a physicist, and that a great deal of happiness lies in this field for me, I am not at all anxious to die just yet, and therefore I hope that in my frantic efforts to adjust myself to some aspect of society, ~~the~~ you will not be offended that the tidal waves in my affairs have lapped about your feet.



I thought that I might add a few words about the conflicts in this country, as being material for the literary man. People here are wondering exactly what perspective the outside world has of our racial difficulties. Most books written by South African authors ~~are~~, invariably involving some form of racialism, are banned from this country. Overseas journalists return to their home-lands and publish material designed more to elevate their own positions in the world rather than to give the public the truth: the English press is noted for this, and to a lesser extent some New York papers and periodicals.

Our present government is composed of a group of religious fanatics who use "god" as a bulldozer to carve an express-way of Nationalism (which normal people abhor) through a forest of difficulty. The law has now been suitably adjusted to make it impossible for this government to be overthrown.


The most wonderful aspect of the set-up is that one ~~is~~ has such freedom of speech: one may say anything provided it is sympathetic towards government policy. All government departments operate on a third degree level (which I imagine is a dictate of the Bible) and in particular, those dealing

with negroes. The sexual ethics of these eleven million people (who themselves constitute several races widely differing in culture) are not well advanced, but they are intelligent and crave for knowledge, though at the moment they employ it badly. I can see no ~~to other~~ solution other than a socialist state. BUT NEVER A COMMUNIST ONE. Apparently, no one else thinks this way, but then unity is a grand number, isn't it? Nor was Rome built in a day. (Do you think that this form of integration is unbecomming of a mathematician?)

Yours sincerely, and with gratitude  
G. Nelson



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Dear Dr. Wiener:

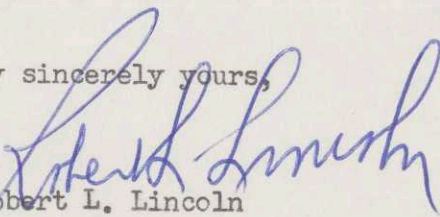
The Council of Higher Educational Institutions in New York City is setting up a program for inviting Scholars from the United States and abroad to visit some of the member institutions of the Council.

We are writing you to ask if you will be available this fall (or next spring in 1959) to present a series of lectures here in New York City.

Besides your available dates we would appreciate the various topics which can be selected by our committee and also the estimated cost for such a visitation.

As the committee will be meeting shortly we would appreciate hearing from you at your very earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Robert L. Lincoln  
Executive Director

[ans 10/7/58]



received October 7, 1958

Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences

SECOND PRAGUE CONFERENCE

on Information Theory, Statistical Decision Functions  
and Random Processes

1959

Prague, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1958.

Dear Mr. W i e n e r ,

we take pleasure in informing you that the Second Prague Conference on Information Theory, Statistical Decision Functions and Random Processes, sponsored by the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, will be held at the J.E.Purkyně Scientific Workers' House at Liblice near Prague from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1959.

We should be very glad if you could participate in this conference and contribute to its success by giving a paper.

The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences would cover your living expenses in Czechoslovakia from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. During your stay in Czechoslovakia you will have an occasion to see some historical and cultural monuments of Prague and its surroundings.

Please notify us as soon as possible (till October 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest) whether you will be able to participate in the conference and, if possible, also about the title of your communication. It is intended to publish the presented papers in the Transactions of the Second Prague Conference on Information Theory, Statistical Decision Functions and Random Processes in detailed version complete with proofs.

Please, be so kind and write us your home address as well as the address to which the official invitation of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences should be directed.

All correspondence relating to the conference should be sent to :

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Praha 13 - Spořilov.

On behalf of the Preparatory  
Committee of the Conference

*a. špaček*

Dr Antonín Š p a č e k

[ans 10-8-58]



ROBERT DANIEL GRAFF

September 11, 1958

Professor Norbert Wiener  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

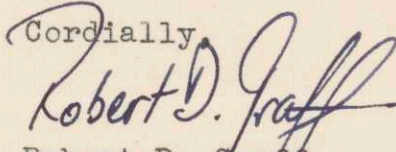
Dear Professor Wiener:

I guard delightful memories of your luncheon table conversation at the M.I.T. Faculty Club last winter when I was filming Dr. Bush for the NBC WISDOM series. The quality of your remarks helped inspire this letter.

The Junior Council of the Museum of Modern Art in New York proposes, on behalf of the Museum, to present a series of distinguished lectures this winter. The lectures would deal with aspects of the creative process. The Museum intends the lectures to be landmarks in New York artistic and intellectual life. We would be honored to have you speak.

We hope to have lectures by Dr. Paul Tillich, Thornton Wilder, Julian Huxley and Jacques Maritain in addition to your talk.

Is there a possibility you would be in New York some time this month or next to discuss briefly what we hope will be your participation in the series?

Cordially,  
  
Robert D. Graff

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Sept. 11, 1958

Dr. Norbert Wiener  
M.I.T.  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

At the suggestion of the author, we are sending you herewith an advance copy of THE NEW MATHEMATICS by Irving Adler, which we shall publish on September 25th. We believe that you will find this interesting and valuable as the first exposition for the non-specialist of the new content and the new methods of mathematics. It is particularly intended for the high school teacher, and also for the layman.

We hope that you will have time to become acquainted with the book, and shall be most appreciative if you will send us your comments on it.

Sincerely,

*Naomi Thompson*

Naomi Thompson  
Publicity Director

NT:bc



answered

[1959]  
13 September -

~~Dear~~ +2 members of the Board of Penguin Books  
Dear Vincent + Margaret.

I. W. Murdoch

As you must have heard by now - and as Barbara must have told you - I have left Doubleday to form a new American company with Penguin Books. It is not possible to explain in this letter my reasons for leaving Anchor Books, but knowing my deep affection for Anchor Books, you will - I hope - understand that my reasons too were deep + good. They were, in a word, the very serious incompatibility between Doubleday's intentions as publishers and my own. To have gone on in the face of them would have meant, despite my best + most persistent efforts, the certain decline not only of Anchor Books, but of myself as well. My immediate editorial colleagues, who have left Doubleday, <sup>too</sup> will in our new circumstances enjoy my complete autonomy and <sup>we shall</sup> be responsible only to ourselves.

As soon as I return to the U.S.A., and I hope it will be very soon, I shall come to Cambridge - to Belmont if I may - and explain to you the entire situation. In the meantime I have the novel very much in mind, and if you will only bear with me for a very short while, I shall be with you. Should you like to learn more of my plans, as they develop, Barbara - at 33 W, 67th St., N.Y.C., can tell you or if you have any specific questions - or even general ones - to ask me

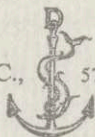






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September 16, 1958

Professor Norbert Wiener  
Department of Mathematics  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener:

As you may know, Jason Epstein has resigned from Doubleday and I have taken his place as Editor-in-Chief of Anchor Books. Some years ago when I was an editor at Farrar Straus I talked briefly with you about some of your work, and in the interim as Doubleday's publicity manager I have delt briefly with some of your books published here. I note from our files that we have a contract with you for a book on the Theory of Invention, and I want to assure you of our continuing interest in this project.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pyke Johnson, Jr." with large loops and flourishes.

Pyke Johnson, Jr.

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Herrn Professor Dr. N. Wiener  
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
C a m b r i d g e (Mass.)

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor,

im Frühjahr 1959 (voraussichtlich April) wird die Gesellschaft "Schweizerfreunde der USA (SFUSA)" zusammen mit dem Institut für Automation an der Universität Freiburg (Schweiz) eine Automation-Tour nach den USA durchführen. Diese Studienreise bezweckt, schweizerische Industriellen die Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Automation im Büro und des Operations Research vor Augen zu führen. Dabei sollen auch die wissenschaftlichen Aspekte beleuchtet werden.

Aus diesem Grunde erlaube ich mir als wissenschaftlicher Leiter dieser Tour, Sie höflichst anzufragen, ob Sie als Begründer der Kybernetik grundsätzlich bereit wären, den Teilnehmern dieser Studienreise - es werden voraussichtlich 20 bis 25 Personen sein - kurz das Wesen und die Möglichkeiten der Kybernetik in der Industrie zu erklären. Ich zweifle nicht daran, dass dadurch wertvolle Beziehungen und Kontakte zu Ihnen entstehen könnten.

Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie uns mit einem kurzen Vortrag (vielleicht in deutscher Sprache) beehren wollten. Für die wohlwollende Prüfung meiner Anfrage danke ich Ihnen bestens und versichere Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Professor,

meiner vorzüglichen Hochachtung

*Ernst P. Billeter*  
(Prof. Ernst P. Billeter)

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IAGO GALDSTON, M.D., Secretary

September 15th 1958

Dear Norbert,

I send you cordial salutations, and trust that you are and have been in good health, and you had both a profitable and restful summer. It has been a long time since I saw you, and your good lady. Son and I, however, talk of you often.

On this occasion I am writing to invite you once again to contribute to our Laity Lecture Series. This time on a subject which I am sure is very close to your heart - namely, is Science to be Man's Master or Servant?

It would give us great satisfaction if you would lead off this lecture series, taking the first assignment which is scheduled for November 5th - at 8.30 p.m. If that date does not quite suit your convenience we would be happy to consider an alternative.

Since you are acquainted with our Laity Lectures I will not trouble you with a repeated recitation, but will only say that we would be delighted to have you dine with us (black tie) on the evening of the lecture, and that we will be happy to reimburse you for whatever expenses you may incur. Also, I am in a position to offer you a modest honorarium of \$100. I do hope you will be able to accept our invitation.

I am sure you will agree that the theme of the series of most urgently pertinent, and, from our point of view I can assure you that if you will lead off the series then it is bound to be a total success.

Cordially yours,

*Iago*

Iago Galdston, M.D.

*answered*

Copy to Belmont.

no  
Professor Norbert Wiener,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,  
Boston, Mass.

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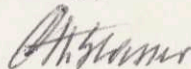
September 16, 1958

Dr. Norbert Wiener  
Department of Mathematics  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

The majority of the manuscripts for MEDICAL PHYSICS III have been received here. We are going over the material and plan to ship the complete collection of some 170 chapters to the publisher by the end of this month. We have not yet received your contribution on "Analysis of Fine Structure in Alpha Rythm from Electroencephalograms" and would appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience.

Sincerely,



Otto Glasser, Ph.D.

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Norbert Weiner  
Dept. of Math.  
Mass. Inst. of Tech.  
Cambridge, 39, Mass.

9-21-'58.

Dear Mr. Weiner,

It is with kind thoughts, that I say you will receive your jacket-cover for the complimentary copy of Ratios of Logic sent you earlier this year. If you do not understand this book, that is par for the course. One thought I will leave with you however, that Thomas Jefferson worked out the mechanics of our government through Technology, and articulated the ideas inherent through the field of the Humanities, ... On the side of Liberal Arts he was lawyer, musician and writer, on the side of Technology he was botanist-architect, the latter nothing more than an accumulation of engineering and experiment dating from ancient times.

RATIOS OF LOGIC is my contribution toward engineering and experiment, for which I thank God. To lend some grace to this disposal of my voluntary obligation to you, let me quote St. Paul, 2nd Corinthians, Chap. 3 verses 5-6; "but our sufficiency is of God (6) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

For you and yours, I wish you to aspire toward perfection of applying the proper spirit in all things, whether in theory of practice, for this proper spirit is a blessing which attracts others to you as a magnet. In effect, there's a time to be a brain, and there's a time to be a human being, the proper spirit is common to each. How does this apply to M.I.T. ? In order to turn out Engineers with good attributes, they must do manual things, to determine the qualified mechanical sense necessary to fruitful teamwork. A team is no greater than the sum of its individuals. Mechanical sense is the foundation for absorbing theories, (theories I equate with things of the letter, and St. Paul said that "the letter killeth") mechanical sense I equate with things of the spirit, even the spirit of the law, (and St. Paul said "the spirit giveth life).

Thank you for your past inspiration and help, and for your attention to this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Peter Campione*  
Peter Campione

2026 Fairmount Ave.

Phila. 30, Pa.





*Author's Vital Statistics:*

Age: 41, single and has hopes.

Hobbies: guitar, amateur radio, and golf.

Vocations past and present: salesman, waiter, bartender, teacher (aircraft sheet metal) and has managed to stay in electronics the past fourteen years due to its challenging nature. Ten of those have been spent as his own boss, running a television service business which he operates currently.

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It is with a feeling of conviction that the author dedicates this book. To further the training of men into nobler characters who might pray to learn to love their vocation and avocation, for one completes the other.

**RATIOS OF LOGIC**

**CAMPIONE**

# RATIOS OF LOGIC



by  
**PETER  
CAMPIONE**



RATIOS OF LOGIC likens our thought process to that of law making. Some people formulate efficient laws in their daily lives while others make inefficient laws as they go along. The written word is supported by mathematics to ascertain thinking efficiency, or lack of such, in unambiguous terms. What has universal applicability to any field of human endeavor is the common sense formula. The fact that this formula can be applied to every pillar of society to determine the weight of theoretical or practical considerations renders it a valuable tool, thereby displaying its strength and versatility.

The book's purpose is to *standardize* common sense and establish a universal sense of values by qualification. The least it implies is that:

There are only two kinds of people in this world of ours, those who add to common sense (the standard), and others who subtract from it. From this, it follows that more faith can be placed in people's capacities than in their incapacities. For good capacities inspire good judgement, whereas incapacities, at best, invite tolerance. Capabilities sustain society, while incapacities burden it. In sum, it is the faith which we put in each other's abilities that knits society together.

Before any law is devised, there is first the *need* for it. When a law is matured into definition, it is placed in authority for reference, becoming an intellectual instrument,

the letter of the law. Any time that law is applied by someone, the person contributes his own spirit (or efforts) to its principle in doing so. The sequence is *from* the spirit (the need for the law) *to* the letter (when enacted), and *back* again to the spirit (for use). To determine the efficiency of any law, a rule of thumb holds true in most cases:

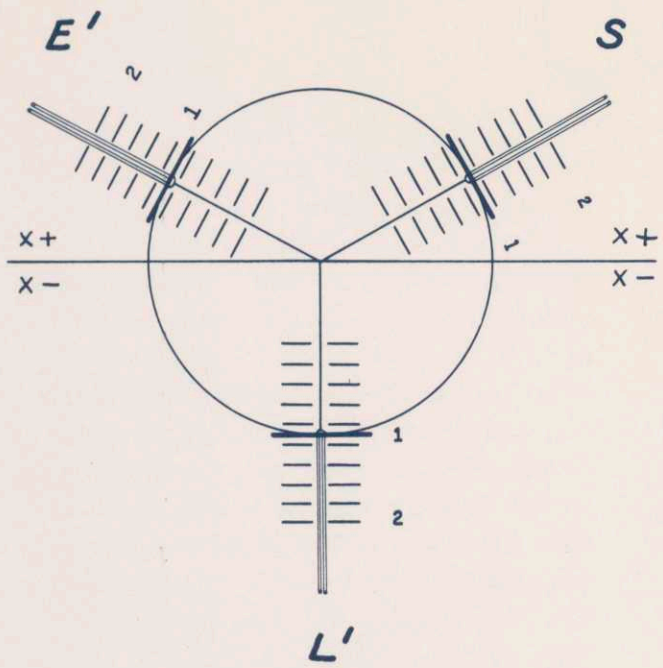
Unless a law inspires the application of its principle, it is useless.

Western civilization has flourished chiefly because of the clarity of its laws. Our various pillars of society give us testimony in the form of:

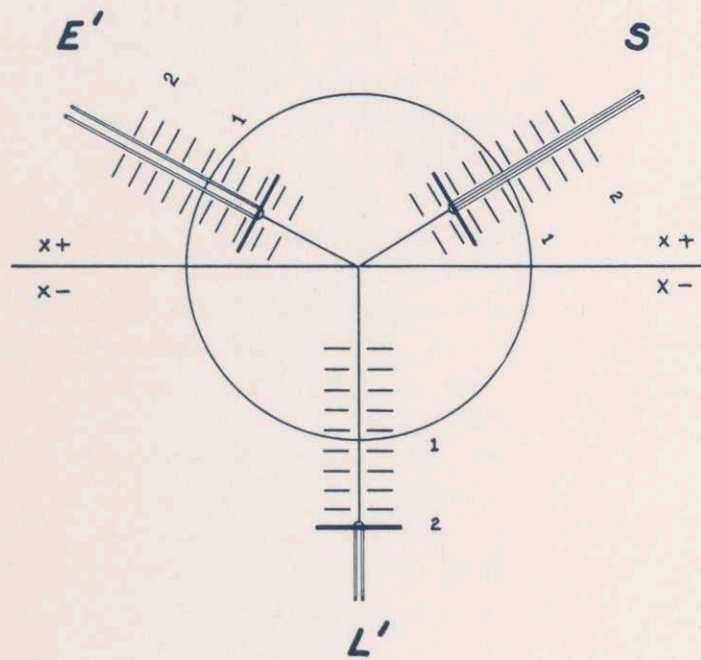
Governmental law, religious law, business law, laws in chemistry, physics, etc. Prolonged emphasis upon the letter of the law tends to de-emphasize the spirit of the law. Over-emphasis upon the spirit of the law detracts from the letter of the law, in commensurate ratio. One is co-efficient and reciprocal to the other, when time is the road to reason.

X PLUS qualifies the start and finish of the letter of the law, while X MINUS defines the start and finish of the spirit of the law, against the backdrop of universal man. Technique for computing the common sense standard will be found on the reverse side of the book jacket. E' and S were relatively simple to qualify (in X PLUS), but L' may give the reader a tussle. Boiled down, L' is an average of the constants (k's) being emphasized in X MINUS.

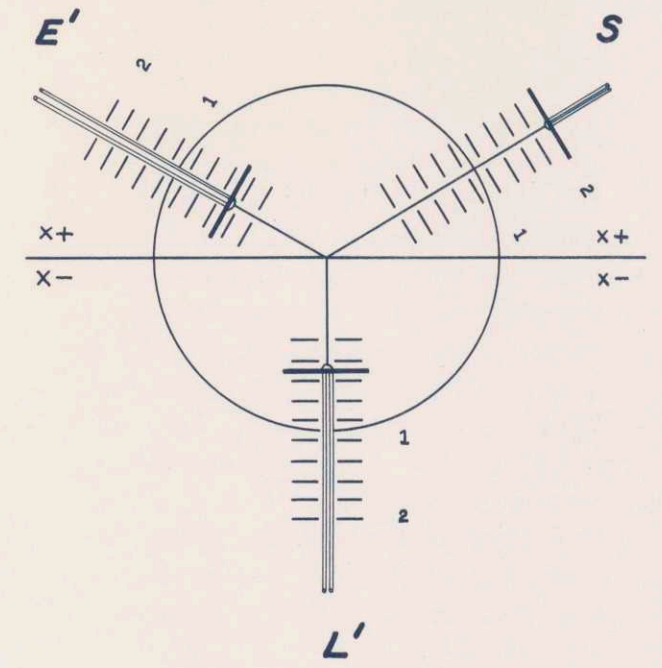




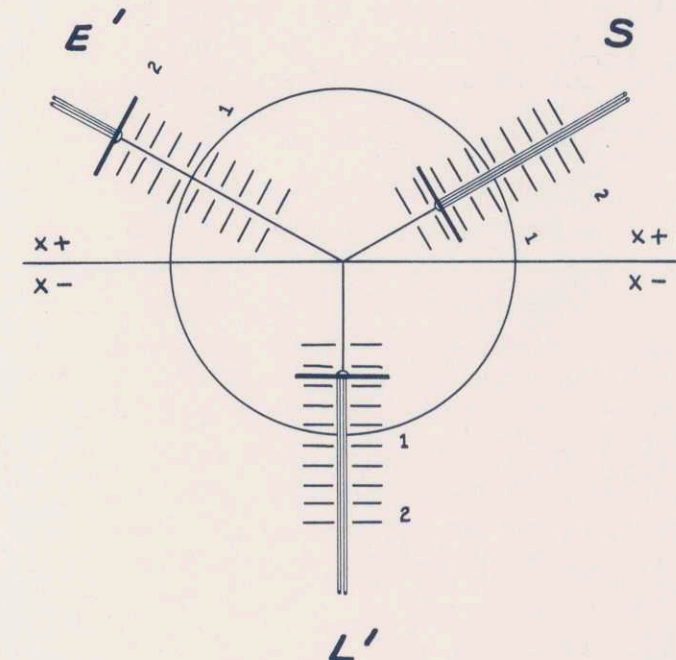
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CASE 3 ...  $\frac{1}{2} + 2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3$  DEVIATION #2



CASE 4 ...  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 2 = 3$  DEVIATION #3



GRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CLUB  
YALE UNIVERSITY  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
22 Sept., 1958

Mr. Norbert Wiener  
Department of Mathematics  
Mass. Insitute of Technology

Dear Mr. Wiener:

We extend to you an invitation to present a paper this fall before the Graduate Philosophy Club of Yale University. We should be pleased to hear from you on any topic you may select. Our meetings are held weekdays, usually in the evening at eight. The delivery of the paper is customarily followed by an informal discussion, during which the speaker entertains questions from the floor.

If you are able to accept this invitation, we should be privileged to have you as our guest at dinner before the meeting. And if you care to remain in New Haven overnight, we shall provide accommodations.

We regret that we can offer you only a fifteen dollar honorarium. We realize that this is hardly adequate compensation for your services. But since we are a student organization, our limited funds, consisting primarily of dues, permit only this token gesture of appreciation.

We hope to hear from you in the near future. If you do accept, it would be helpful were you to indicate the topic of your paper and the date you would prefer. Please send your reply to me at 327 Willow St., New Haven.

Sincerely yours,

The Executive Committee

By

*Eling Skorpen*

[ans 16/7/58]



No answer nec.

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September 23, 1958

WALTER J. BERKOWITZ  
TREASURER

Professor Norbert Wiener  
Mass. Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

I have read your article "Prodigy at Harvard" which appeared in the June 6, 1953 issue of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin. I had set this aside for reading, when this was published, and just got around to it now.

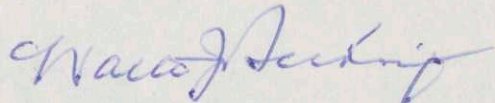
I was a member of the Class of '14, which I think was your Class. I remember seeing you and W. J. Sidis from time to time. I knew Adolph Berle, who because of the similarity of the beginning of our names, sat next to me in a number of classes.

I never knew Cedric Houghton nor Roger Sessions.

My parents knew your parents when you lived in Kansas City - years before going to Cambridge. It is my impression that Kansas City was the first home in this country for your parents.

I just wanted you to know that I enjoyed this article and I agree in general with your comments.

Cordially yours,



Walter J. Berkowitz

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a. I. C.  
Springfield, Mass.  
September 23, 1958

Dear Mr. Wiener,

As Vice President of the Student Government, it is my duty to form a speaker program.

many of our students are interested in hearing you speak sometime during the 1958-1959



academic year.

If you could send me a schedule of when you would be available and your fee, I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Diantha Gadaire

[ans 16/7/58]

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
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September 23, 1958

Norbert Wiener  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Building 2, Room 276  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Norbert Wiener:

I have written up my Wayne talk for the journal Daedalus, and I thought you might be interested in seeing it. I am in Vermont, but I'll be down in Cambridge shortly. I hope your novel has come along well.

Cordially,

*David Riesman*  
David Riesman j

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received October 10, 1958

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Monsieur Norbert WIENER  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Department of Mathematics  
Cambridge 39 (Mass.) USA

Monsieur,

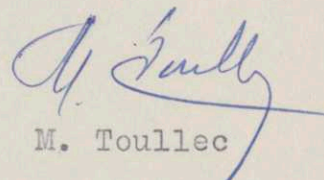
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Nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de nos sentiments les plus distingués.

  
M. Toullec



ERIC SCHAAL

HOTEL SPLENDID - ZUERICH, Switzerland

September 30th, 1958

Professor  
Norbert Wiener  
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener,

I am collecting the material for a work which could best be described as 'The Image of Creative Man'. Its aim is to present in pictures those men who made our civilisation. Beginning with the first authentic portraits engraved at the close of the 15th century, it should continue right up into our own days. The fields to be covered would be roughly the sciences, literature, art, music - in short all that which goes to make our world, the world of thought and understanding.

For this iconography I should like to ask if you would be so kind as to let me have your photograph - a formal portrait, or an informal one, at work, alone, or with colleagues (or preferably, if this could be at all possible, even a few photographs which were taken at different times through the years).

Could you add to this some written note like a worksheet or otherwise a sample of handwriting, it would undoubtedly constitute a highly significant and most appreciated further illustration.

As for me, I am an American photo-journalist whose work, since more than 20 years, appears in most of the leading magazines. This proposed Opus, partly an outcome of my daily work, will be, however, by its very nature and entirely different and much more serious endeavour than any magazine article.

For your generosity and kindness in lending me your help, I offer my sincerest gratitude.

Most sincerely yours,

*Eric Schaal*

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