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Sir:

I prefer to avoid faction fights, but I am now willing to make an exception, after having seen your last packet. What should I find but an unauthorized, truncated and inadequate version of the form for researchers to find out about other researchers that Fred Newcomb, Larry Haapanen and myself are planning.


To my chagrin and embarrassment, you found out about our idea during a conversation in my living room. You made no comment then. At no time did you tell any of us that you were going to steal our idea. Having seen your form, let me assure you that had I known how you would butcher it, I would have fought you.

As you well know, researchers who disagree with your organization over issues they consider important will not cooperate with your effort. You cannot possibly string together as many people as could an attempt not connected with the traumatic disagreements among critics.

So with those who do go along with your second-rate suggestion, we face the natural unwillingness of people not to bother with two forms of purportedly similar aims within a short period. With those who do not, we face suspicion of the independence of our work. You, for reasons I consider larcenous and dishonorable, have made our job much harder.

Thanks a million, thou selfless enemy of injustice. The memory of your visit remains clear, so I think I'll go count my fillings.

Sincerely yours,



George B. Rennar

cc. Other critics