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Dear Walter:

As I indicated on the phone, I shall be glad to participate in the Sesquicentennial on February 24-25, and to talk at the Mental Health Research Institute seminar on February 23, 1967.

I have read your "Modeling" paper, which is clear, and, as always, well done. I am more optimistic, as you know, than you are as to how strong the evidence is, but won't argue the point at the moment, except to defy you to write a program that will solve the hard Thurstone problems, at the same time flubbing most of the easy ones. Presently, I will also have something to send you on the issue of parsimony. I think I can prove, in a quite rigorous sense, that the Bower-Trabasso two-equation model is no more parsimonious than an IPL program containing 100 lines of code. We shall see.

Sorry, I don't have copies of the Waxman reprint, nor does Allen have more than a couple. Please go ahead and reproduce it.

With best regards,

Cordially yours,

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