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Dear Klein,

Thank you very much for sending me your book; you did me a great pleasure. I haven been invited to review it in the Revue Internationale de Statistique. I shall be glad to send you a copy of the review. You know already that my judgement is very favorable. I am glad the book has now been published, and I want to congratulate you on its appearance. Have your investigations with the National Bureau developed favorably? It might interest you that a compatriot of mine, Mr H.A.A. de Melverda (Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Hague) published in a Dutch periodical "De Ingenieur" a study based on the same railway statistics of the United States in which he showed that in many respects fixed costs "do not exist". If you are interested in his work, please let me know. I am sure he will be glad to send you an English summary.

You may also be interested in a little bit of revenge I took on my good friend the Norwegian planners when being there. I announced I could prove them that their policy had be had been too radical, and I pointed out the rather bad performances of their balance of payments in 1949. Exactly at that time (April 1949) they had decided to lower their subsidies a good deal and now they are in the midst of wage negotiations. Meanwhile, the Dutch economic policy had to take a very bad step in accepting a second 5% wage increase a few weeks ago. It would take me too long to let you know all the details, but if you would happen to want them we can send you some material.

With all best personal wishes

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