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Dear Colleague,

Thank you very much for your letters of April 4 and May 10, and please excuse me for not having answered yet your kind wishes to my birthday. Actually I am rather busy. It is my custom only gradually to answer birthday wishes. I am glad to learn that you are now at ECAFE, and I hope that the work will be interesting to you.

As to your book, I am afraid that there is some misunderstanding. The freedom you have elsewhere to publish your book in a 2nd edition does not, of course, mean any obligation to do so. Would not the best thing to do be to wait until demand would show itself sufficient to interest a publisher? For the moment being the Institute has no funds to do so and "het Hogeschoolfonds" never acts as a publisher. The printer (Roend-Lorentz, v.d. Duynstraat 2, the Hague) upon my information told me that the zinc plates are still available. In case, therefore, that you might be yourself taking the risk, you could always investigate whether the printer would be willing to supply you more copies.

I am myself in a similar position for one of my books which is completely out of print. But my publisher has not yet taken the decision to reprint it. I think he rightly waits until accumulated demand is sufficient.

I may have misunderstood your letter, but this is, I think, what I have to say about your doubts as I understood them.

However that be, I do hope that your new work with the ECAFE will be satisfactory to you, and if there are arising problems which you want to discuss with me I am always ready to do so. The details of my task in India have not yet been determined; yesterday I had, however, a visit of Mr Mukerjee with whom I discussed some work of Prof. Mahalanobis'.

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