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Dear Joshi

I have just received your letter of December 13 and have to say that I find I did receive your manuscript posted in July and - I am extremely sorry to say - did nothing about submitting it to T.P.B. However, I am quite unaware of having received the reminder in October that you mention.

The reason for my neglect to submit it almost certainly lies in the second sentence of your original letter: "May I request your opinion about the paper?" I must have opened the package on a busy day, not read the letter in full and put the whole thing on my pile of manuscripts and reprints to be read "A.S.A.P." If you had put the request for submission as the first sentence I am sure I would have noticed it and acted on it. I receive a tremendous number of requests for comments and, fascinating as the manuscripts often are, I just cannot do all of them quickly. However, there is really no excuse for not having read your letter more carefully: it was as brief as possible. I am very sorry.

The muddle is further compounded now by the fact that Brian Charlesworth is no longer at Sussex; he moved to University of Chicago. However, I will get in touch with him and sort things out. I am confident that I can find reviewers and get the manuscript dealt with speedily now. I have glanced through it myself and as a preliminary view can say it looks to have interesting findings and to be argued with great clarity.

Once again, very sorry about the delay,

Yours sincerely

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