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Dear James,

I greatly appreciated your letter of September 4th and your kind offer to take a look at my manuscript.

I have some more work I would like to do on some portions of it before passing it on to you, but I think I should be able to send it pretty soon. I would certainly covet your critical comment since I am aware of the embryonic character of the project and feel that it needs some sharp criticism. I want you to know that I am prepared to face the fact that you may not be wholly or even generally sympathetic with the approach I am seeking to take. I could well imagine that you could feel that my judgments would be improved with more empirical analysis and admittedly I am weak here. But if that be the case, I would like for you to help me to see how it could be improved. Meanwhile, I will be in touch with Melvin Arnold on his concerns about what the book would need both as to its content and introduction.

Best wishes to all at the divinity school.

Yours cordially and sincerely,

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