

Memo from
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To: Ken Arrow

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your letter of Mar. 8 etc.

I will be less a wear on you if I pursue my questions informally when I see you. And when I do my homework, that you recommend.

My question about 'empirical evidence on economic behavior' had to do with ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of the kind of provision that people do make for future generations; ~~however~~, I see what you mean in re 'savings' as a measure of the stock put into deferred gratification, *as a discount rate.*

I would almost rather listen than talk at the seminar to which you invite me. I will take the invitation very seriously, and ponder upon possible times to take it up.

See you in April,

P.S. If nominations are still open, have you considered Myron Tribus for the directorship of the Institute on applications of cybernetics or whatever to ~~re~~ problems of advanced society.. (Paul Sitton called me about this from NAS)/re the meeting you may have had on 3/23.) Tribus is a V.P. of Xerox (Rochester) just ~~now~~, recently Asst. Secy Commerce (Sci & Techn.) and before that Dean of Engrg. at Dartmouth. His specialty is decision analysis; his general grasp of systems impressed me very much; he certainly is a forceful (but well-motivated) personality.

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