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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Many thanks indeed for your note of 19 August. We greatly appreciate your interest in our work.

I would be happy to send you the copy you ask for. The situation is this: we have run out of copies of Vol. 1 of our research report (I only have my working copy, much scribbled on), & have only two copies of Vol. 2 left. However, Mike Mulkay & I are in the very last stages of revising & editing the material, hopefully to find a publisher willing to print the lot – extensive footnotes & all. I expect that we will have an "approved version" ready by mid-September. I would then be happy to run off a copy for you, but I ought to warn you that the total cost will be about £20. Do you want me to send it airmail?

Meanwhile Mike & I have prepared a paper for Kölner Zeitschrift which is effectively the theoretical discussion for which there was no room in ~~[illegible]~~ Soc. Sci. Inf. I will send you a copy of this within a very few days. (It will not be quite the final version, & it has not finally been accepted by K.Z., so I would be grateful if you could treat it as a "private communication".)

In the course of our work, I have had to insert, by way of background, some very brief "potted

history" of American developments in radio astronomy. I am still not certain over many of the details: if you spot any errors or omissions I would be grateful if you could let me know before we irrevocably commit the thing to print. And if you can help us to find a publisher, our gratitude will know no bounds!

Have you published any of your work with Merton & Zuckerman? Reliable studies of this kind are desperately needed.

I look forward to your instructions — and, hopefully, to further contact.

Yours sincerely

David Edge