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Dear Cochran,

I have just received your paper on the Distribution of the largest of a set of estimated variances, which pleased me very much, because it set a good example - which is rather badly needed in the statistical literature - of utilizing previous work as it is meant to be used, both as a basis for more extended results and for the light it throws on methods of overcoming the analytic difficulties which, for all our talk to the contrary, are the real obstacles to mastery of the subject.

I think it should go very well in the Annals, where it may meet an audience tolerably familiar with the related papers to which you refer, and so capable of reading it intelligently.

I should like to say that, personally, I found your exposition exceedingly clear and simple.

Yours sincerely,