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Dear Dr Koopmans,

I have never written to thank you for your fine book on Regression Analysis, and my reason is this: I wanted to read it thoroughly before expressing an opinion. I have, however, now read enough to realise that you have done a magnificent piece of work, which should be the basis of a large part of future applications of mathematical statistics to economic problems. A Monsieur Lacroix, a French student here working in London proposes to study the book under my direction at the Galton Laboratory. He is an economist with a taste for mathematical statistics, but I do not yet know whether your book will prove too difficult for him. I have also advised Dr Watson, an American from Porto Rico, to study your book while he is here.

Yours sincerely,