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Barril

Istanbul  
26 February 1957

Dear Fischer-Jørgensen,

Yes, as you guess, it is Firth's old chair. However I do not take this over until next academic year. So please send any offprints or what-not to the old address.

I believe by the way that I sent a review of Whatmough's book? Whatmough replied with a letter of 130 lines, about four months later, saying among other things that I had obviously never heard of American structural linguistics! Also that the charge of tautology was irrelevant, since all scientific statements are tautologies. Such was the product of four months' thought.

Hockett's book seems to be having a rough time of it: my own review was amiable compared with Lunt's, and even Halle's. Lunt was indeed hardly fair. He could have criticised Hockett's view that there is often little to choose between one interpretation and another, but he had no right to criticise him for accepting the consequences of this ~~view~~ view, without attacking the view itself?

Yours sincerely

