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P.S. I've no copies of the review of Recherches; but this was very superficial, the journal not favouring long reviews -- I would not have found fifty pages too little.

On reglancing at my review of Togeby I am still more mystified about the misunderstanding over spild/spilt, since the passage has none of that Delphic obscurity to which I owe my lamentable reputation. Anybody can see that the substitution has merely morphological interest, and is no more relevant to phonemics than 'awakened/awoken'. The only difference is that a few other English verbs show similar variants (e.g, burned, burnt, and in my own idiolect earned, earnt).

On the other hand the misunderstanding about zero is largely my fault. Only a very patient critic could disentangle my own views from views which, though not my own, are logically derived from Jakobson's premisses. It is my greatest amusement to take other linguists' views to their 'logical conclusion', even when these views are rather mad -- but I resent your ill-concealed suggestion that I should give up linguistics and take to the management of a lunatic asylum!

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