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→ E.F.J. February 21, 1941

1. 089 "non-commutable"  $\mathcal{E}^0$  - contradictory to "commutable" - (everything that is not commutable)  
 "non-commutable"  $\mathcal{E}^0$  - contrary to "commutable" - this is the glossolalic meaning  
 (= everything that is not commutable, except what is neither commutable nor non-commutable)  
 I never say that two entities are commutable

2. 184 Non-commutation in sense  $\mathcal{E}^0$  I shall call substitutions following Hjelmslev's selection to sign-systems

"Identification of pre-members in different functional categories can only take place if these pre-members have mutual substitutions. This is tested by performing the commutation test within units of increasingly greater extent: if one finds units of a given degree where the pre-members involved have substitution with informal (i.e. non-contradictory generalization of) a unit-boundary, the two pre-members are identified with elimination of a ~~signal~~ signal for a unit of given degree (as, for example,  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  in Danish, since  $\mathcal{I}$  includes a signal for syllable-final-unit; this signal enters in, to be sure, only under given syntagmatic conditions (cf. words like lygd and words with latent  $\mathcal{E}$  like kand),  $\mathcal{E}$ , on the other hand, does not contain a signal for syllable-initial-unit, since  $\mathcal{E}$  can also appear finally under the conditions under which one does not have  $\mathcal{I}$ ...)

If 2 or more pre-members are thus found to have substitution to one pre-member in another functional category, the last is to be regarded as a symmetrization of the two or more.

This clears up difficulty with the Korean example. One must have substitution as basis for identification.

Identification of pre-members within one and the same functional category is 1) arbitrary without harm 2) possible to carry out in practice. If 1) is true, 2) is unimportant.