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Louis Hjelmslev og hans kreds,

Now everything is in order except my correspondence, am feeling OK when do not do too much, - This time I have tried to react quickly, I also received a copy from your publisher, who asked whether I could make a statement for their advertisement. This copy I have given to Rischel who is writing a book about linguistics in the twentieth century and who was very eager to read your book, - I thought the best thing X could do was to write a review (probably for *Phonetica*), and send a copy to your publishers, who could then extract a couple of sentences for their use* but before sending the review I would like to show you a first draft. I may have misunderstood you on some points, and would be glad to have your reactions, - As you can see from the enclosed draft I think your book is well-written, competent and interesting, but of course have a few objections, and that is why I would like to hear your reaction, -- what I write about the definition of languages, X should like to add, that I find of the differences between European structuralism and American linguistics (particularly transformational grammar) is that for European structuralism language is a system -relativ and the aim is to describe the system - which of course can only be done on the basis of an analysis of texts, whereas transformationalists the system (called by them; the grammar) is a means to specify an infinite set of well-formed sentences (which they call the language) -- or both the system is essential, but the perspective is slightly different. (see, e.g, my "Trends 9.3) —