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Dear Prof. Fisher,

Thank you so much for the encouraging letter on my fractional design. I agree whole-heartedly in your caution on increasing the size for the ten-variable deal.

Did you happen to miss your ISI Berne Congress pin? I found one in my car soon after our drive to the Station that Thursday eve -- and I'm sure it isn't mine.

Under separate cover I am sending you a reprint of my paper in the ISI quarterly Review. I hadn't realized it would be appearing in the conference issue so was very much thrilled and pleased when my copy of the Review was received. It was a mighty nice thing to happen and I deeply appreciate it.

Along with the reprint is a copy of a paper which I think you will be interested in, written by Leonard Seder of the Gillette Razor Company. Here is the story: This paper, "Experimentation in the Factory", was selected as the most outstanding one to have been published in Industrial Quality Control since its beginning. You see experimental design is catching on in industry. An award was presented to Mr. Seder at the annual banquet of the A.S.Q.C. in Milwaukee on June 1. His acceptance speech was very short but most appreciative, giving credit to his teachers and others who had developed the methods. He ended with this, "and in particular I wish to give credit to that greatest experimenter of all, R. A. Fisher". Well, I was so pleased that I felt like standing at attention. Later, I had quite a long chat with Mr. Seder. He is a great admirer of yours; I believe you would enjoy meeting him. It would mean a great deal to him. Perhaps this can be arranged on your next trip to America.

I suppose you had heard of Bliss' illness. I haven't heard lately how well he is recovering. I am afraid he hasn't learned too well how to relax and play a bit.

I shall probably be going to Point Hope, Canada, in late August for that session with the Eldorado Company. At present they are in the midst of installing a pilot plant. I'll let you know how the work progresses.

I suppose Cambridge now is very beautiful. I haven't heard if Jack is getting that trip to England; it would be grand if he did. His "commencement" address here was just the right dose for the group.

I am much encouraged with the interest shown in Milwaukee in methods other than sampling inspection and control chart. While the program at this meeting was woefully lacking, there was a real, popular demand that future programs be planned to take care of the people who want to continue to learn and to include analysis of variance, experimental design, regression, etc. The welding drawings, with some

additions, were made into a poster and exhibited in Milwaukee.

Am wondering if you will be returning to America in September for that Sampling Conference. I heard last week that St Deming was off to Tokyo for a sojourn. *How he does get around!*

Sincerest wishes.

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