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Dear Mr. Flanagan

I think the enclosed letter is self-explanatory, and I hope you will accept the indicated arguments as sufficient reason to publish it.

I realize it is rather long -- and I might well have preferred a vehicle that encouraged even more explicit and detailed documentation. However, Gunther set the stage so beautifully, and will have misled so many readers so skillfully, that it seemed that the Scientific American was the best place to send these remarks. I hope its length has a compensation, the human and metascientific interest of its content.

Sincerely,

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