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Thursday

Dear Sir Ronald,

Last term you expressed to me a willingness to participate in one of our Club discussions from the platform. You told me, then, however, that you would rather work in a critical capacity than deliver a major paper.

I thought for a long time about who might be a suitable person to read a paper so that you might reply to it. When we discussed it last term I thought Sir Harold Gage might be all right, but I have had second thoughts on that.

Finally, I decided on Professor P. B.

Braithwaite. He said he would be delighted if you were to reply to his paper, - particularly so as, apparently, you have already heard the substance of part of it when you presided at a meeting of the Statistical Society.

The title of Braithwaite's paper will be 'How to Choose Between Statistical Hypotheses', - and I expect we shall be hearing something about Wald and his 'minimax' method. So there will be many targets up for you to train your sights on.

The date, most likely, will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, - the 7<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Michaelmas Term. How does it sound to you?

Yours,

Harwood Russell Hanson