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Dear Wullie:

I have been asked by Phil Handler to go with him to a hearing to be held soon by Senator Kennedy on how draft lotteries should be conducted. This will be the National Academy of Sciences' contribution to the question. Phil has suggested that it would be well for me to obtain concurrence on the statement from a number of distinguished statisticians. It is my hope that this list will consist of:

William G. Cochran  
Morris H. Hansen  
Frederick Mosteller  
Frederick P. Stephan  
G. S. Watson

I enclose a copy of an early draft of a statement. I would value suggestions for alteration or improvement.

I hope the statement can be revised to the point where I can mention an appropriate list of names and say: "So far as matters of fact and general professional judgment go, the following statement has the complete concurrence of the following: . . . Certain parts of it are identified as matters of personal opinion; for these my distinguished colleagues take no responsibility."

With best regards,

John W. Tukey

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Encl.: Early Draft

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