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*But I did
write me
a good one!*

Dear Geoffrey,

I have decided that I cannot in good conscience write a chapter under my name on Multifactor Trials for a US-series called Advances in Epidemiology edited by Gordon Stewart. Though I have sat in with deliberations in this field for several years I cannot allow the inference, from such authorship, that I have significantly contributed to the conceptual developments in this field.

Beyond that, if I were to attempt a review of these developments, giving a strong disclaimer, I would find it nearly impossible to avoid plagiarizing your excellent Rome Report. The discussions in and about our U.S. multifactor protocol, which I sent you a year or so ago, are entirely inferior to your succinct development of the subject.

Will you help me in my dilemma ? Will you accept to do a brief piece, based on your Rome draft ? If time is an element, and the chapter is past due, would you permit me to put together a first draft and then send it to you to author ? I am sure the editors would be perfectly agreeable to this. If you are unable to do this, I can accept the embarrassment of late refusal, and will certainly understand if you have neither the time nor the inclination.

May I hear from you soon ?

Cordially

for H. Blackburn
Visiting Prof.