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Professor Atle Selberg
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Dear Professor Selberg:

I have been deeply concerned this weekend over the events of Saturday. The core of my concern has been personal. I certainly did not intend to offend you. If I did, I am very sorry.

In the interest of candid discussion, I responded perhaps too preemptively and too categorically to the proposals you submitted. I said that although there were parts of your proposals with which one could agree, I could not accept their main thrust.

Certainly these are matters which merit further discussion and I would indeed hope that the dialogue could be continued.

I have never questioned the sincerity of your devotion to the best interests of the Institute. Although I may differ with you on the way to this goal, I also seek it.

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the other members of the Governance Committee.

Sincerely,

Howard C. Petersen (signed)

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