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Professor Ragnar Frisch
Professor of Economics
University of Oslo
Oslo, Norway

Dear Professor Frisch:

Would you be willing to prepare (or supervise the preparation of) an English edition of your Lectures on Economics, which at present are available only to your students in mimeographed form? You know that there are no satisfactory textbooks in our field and that in spite of the large supply of mediocre books no really acceptable text is in sight. I have heard a great deal about the Norwegian lecture notes for your classes and it occurred to me that an Introduction to Economics by Ragnar Frisch would be the solution.

I am (together with Alvin Hansen) an editorial consultant of the Blakiston Company, Philadelphia. Hansen and I are trying to get outstanding books on a newly started list of publications in economics. I should be delighted if you find that my suggestion deserves your consideration.

Sincerely yours



Fritz Machlup
Professor of Economics

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August 29. 1940

Professor Fritz Machlup
Professor of Economics
The University of Buffalo
Buffalo, New York.

My Dear Professor Machlup:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 26.

Last year I had a similar request from the Oxford University Press, but answered that I could not find time at present to make the improvements in the presentation which I would like, in an English translation. The situation has not changed since then. I am making an effort to bring in shape for publication the results from the Institute's work during the last years. But I thank you, all the same, for your kind suggestion.

With my best regards to yourself, professor Alvin Hansen and all other friends in the U. S.

Cordially yours

Ragnar Frisch