Dear Professor Walker,

It is most kind of you to think of sending me a personal copy of your fine new book on Statistical Inference.

This, the aspect of statistics as inductive logic, is, as you know, what interests me chiefly. With the very fine supply of new statistical works which are now coming out, it seems possible that different aspects and interests can all be met. I wonder if you have ever tried your hand at a classification of the types of works needed in the modern world in the field of statistical methods alone. So far as I can see a wide range is required in three distinct dimensions:

1. Elementary versus advanced.

2. More mathematical versus less mathematical.

3. Abstract or academic versus applied or technological.

I think it may be important not to confuse these different dimensions, for in various fields I am sure there is room for works that are certainly advanced though not very mathematical.

With best wishes for its success.

Yours sincerely,