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Dear Professor Anscombe:

I am in receipt of your two letters with enclosures and of Jeff Kurkjian's. I appreciate your "our charge." I have been voicing these sentiments for many years. Only the recent chairmen have adopted those qualifications.

Since I was on the Army staff and wrote the approval letters on the Wilks Committee which were signed by the Army officials and since I spent 14 years managing the Army's research and consultative program in the mathematical sciences, I am aware of the fact that only a handful of statisticians made meaningful contributions over a significant period of time. All of these statisticians have not been recognized yet as Memorial Medalists. One individual, in particular, stands out and deserves recognition at this time, I believe.

I am choosing Bill Kruskal as my nominee. I personally am aware of his contributions to the Army for a period of approximately 18 years, 1950 - 1968, I believe. During this time, his group at Chicago assisted the Defense establishment on a number of statistically oriented problems. His other contributions as a senior citizen to the statistical community and his research and expository contributions are well known and I only note them for the record.

If he moves through this first stage in the selection process and if you require additional information on Bill, I will be most pleased to furnish same to you.

Cordially,

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