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Dear Jim:

This is to make up for having neglected what should have been an outside responsibility. It is late, but not too late. I hope you are going to review and revise your decision to publish the Definition and Terminology report. The enclosed is a quickly (and furiously) executed critique. I am not sending it to Don Ely because I have no time to draft anything more diplomatic, and I have high personal regard for Don and don't want to hurt him. And please say nothing about this to him. However, I would like to have Edgar Dale and Bob Hall see this on the same confidential basis. (But no one else for the time being.) Please send the extra copies of the critique (and of this letter) to them unless you feel that would be personally embarrassing to you. If so, just keep all the copies. I don't think it should be so; this is an area in which you can navigate very well, but Don and the others obviously can't. It is their use of your terms and some of your concepts that should be embarrassing, if published.

All that I say in the enclosed critique is negative, in fact viciously destructive. That, I think, is as it should be. Somebody must clear the air before a more positive approach is attempted. I will attempt such an approach in my Anaheim talk on January 31, and in the statement I agreed to write for Bob Hall's STEMS Project.

Perhaps I shouldn't inject myself into this affair. I am certainly paying a high price in terms of taking time from things that are very pressing and personally more important to me. But I am doing it because I have a sense of obligation and involvement and affection for all concerned. Let's discuss the matter in a few days when I see you at Anaheim.

With Best Regards,

George Corbner

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Enclosure

c.c. Edgar Dale
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