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Dear Miss Kober:

Thank you for your letter of the 10th. It has not been the policy of *Language* to review journal articles, and I should prefer not to begin doing so now. However, you might very well ~~write~~ write a short article (of the kind that are grouped under the heading *Miscellanea*, let's say) based on the two papers in *AJA* and discussing the theories there set forth. This would get around the awkwardness of writing a formal review of something that has appeared in ~~a~~ a journal, and yet would accomplish the same end; both you and I would be satisfied.

If you care to send me an article of this kind, I shall be very glad to consider it for publication. Since I am totally ignorant of the subject, I should of course submit your paper to a referee (or perhaps more than one referee) and abide by his verdict.

As for unsolicited reviews, I only wish I got more of them. I think reviews are an extremely important feature of our journal, and I have tried, ever since I took over Bolling's work, to assemble as many as possible for each issue; but it has been uphill work all the way, largely because most scholars wait to be invited before undertaking the thankless task of writing a review. Not all ~~publishers~~ publishers send me copies of new linguistic works; and of course I cannot invite anyone to review a book unless I have a copy to send him. For this reason, several important books have escaped reviews in *Language*, much to my chagrin.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

B. Bloch