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Dear Miss Swindler,

I am sending this review with a guilty conscience. It can by no stretch of the imagination be considered "short", and the work reviewed hardly justifies the amount of space I devoted to it.

The truth is that when I began writing it, all the things I have wanted to say for a long time kept flowing from my fingers to the typewriter, and once they were down in black and white I hated to eliminate them.

The first three paragraphs probably contain all that need be said. The quotation in the second paragraph is taken verbatim from the work. The English is the author's.

Hrozny's attempt may be worth-while. After all, he is the man who gave us the first clue to Hittite, and lightning may strike twice in the same place. I spent a hour in the Public Library at 42nd street, running down the periodical called "Archivum orientale pragens". The clue was Prague. Although I could get no help even from the Czecko-Slovakian room, I finally discovered that this might be a Latinized version of Archiv Orientalni, the journal of the Czecko-Slovakian Linguistic Society. The Library's latest copy is 1938, as might be expected. But the Librarian of Brooklyn College is trying to get it for me.

Sincerely

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