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Subject: RE:

Busy week, lots of talks. Best time for us would be the 16th. Have a talk at Harvard at noon, but free after that.

Your computer guy reminds me of the first time I met Carnap. He couldn't understand why people talked languages, with all their irregularities and complexity. Why doesn't everyone just talk Esperanto (which, he didn't realize, just uses standard Romance grammar with very minor changes)? Or better, why don't we all talk predicate calculus?

Frege, Tarski, and others also thought that human language wasn't worth studying. One can even construct paradoxes in it. Quite a departure from a rich tradition which in the modern period goes back to Galileo and the great figures of modern science.

Noam

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I told ehud , how you and valeria were both thoughtful and kind, . . He agreed if convenient for you. to accompany me to cambridge on the 16th or 17th. .fyi, my computer guys asked why teach a language to a machine that is so ambiguous and filled with illogical compnents? cute

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