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Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2015 8:14 PM
To: Noam Chomsky
Subject: Re:

ill work on the 16th

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On Sun, Sep 6, 2015 at 4:11 PM, Noam Chomsky =span dir="ltr"><[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

Your computer guy reminds me of the f=rst time I met Carnap. He couldn't understand why people tal=ed languages, with all their irregularities and complexity. Why doesn't everyone just talk Esperanto (which, he didn =80 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 w=rth studying. One can even construct paradoxes in it. Quite a depart=re from a rich tradition which in the modern period goes back to Galileo a=d the great figures of modern science.

Noam

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Subject:

I told ehud , how you and valeria were both th=ughtful and kind, . He agreed if convenient for you. to =ccompany me to cambridge on the 16th or 17th. .fyi, =A0 my computer guys asked why teach a language to a machine that is so amb=guous and filled with illogical compnents? cute

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