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I had a brief conversation with George Corner who expressed his regret at the somewhat haphazard way in which the distribution of the original report of the statistical committee reviewing Kinsey's work was carried on. Because of some of Kinsey's objections the report has been recalled and reedited for more general distribution. Final decision about open publication has not yet been arrived at but C. hopes, as I do, that some of the important studies of the sampling methods will at least be available. Kinsey's first reaction to the report was a bit unfavorable, largely because of the unfortunate choice of words in some passages. Many differences were ironed out at a recent conference between K. and the members of the committee and C. is sure that the committee's attitude in general is one of good will. Like many mathematicians they seem to have a tendency to overlook the possibility of human emotional responses to certain kinds of statements.

Although Kinsey plans to incorporate many of their suggestions in the preparation of statistical material for the new book, it is not likely that he will adopt the committee's suggestions for a different sort of sample in future work. Apparently he has a pretty fixed idea that people selected at random will not respond satisfactorily to his interviewing method. I told C. that if he finds some other group interested in following up some of the committee's suggestions he should not hesitate to let us know although in the present state of trustees' opinion, I could not guarantee a favorable decision.