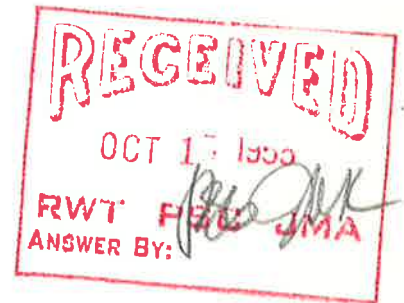


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Dear Ralph:

Permit me to reply to your letter in two instalments of which this is the first. I regard myself as definitely committed to accept a fellowship for 1956-57. My primary interests for the year are two: (1) methodologically, to explore the relations between the psychological and sociological work in the theories of learning and action to the foundations of economic behavior, and in particular to study the uses of such psychological tools as laboratory experiments and attitude analysis in the fields of economic behavior, and (2) substantively, to work on the economic pre-conditions of technological progress, i.e., the extent to which innovations can be regarded as a rational form of investment activity and the efficiency implications of different forms with organizations in this field.

I would prefer not to commit myself just yet as to the number of months I will remain at the Center although, of course, it will be at least nine. I will also want to send you in the next few days a list of recommendations of other fellows. I would like a little more time to think about it. I hope this does not disrupt your plans in any way.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken".

Kenneth J. Arrow

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