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Dear Professor Goffman,

I find your "Response cries" fascinating but hard to follow, both because of its organization and because of the lack of much linguistic (or even sociolinguistic) framework. I enclose evaluations from two referees who seem, between them, to share my objections. (I gather that Referee B has already identified herself to you.)

If you would care to send me a revised version of your paper, taking these criticisms into account, I would be optimistic about acceptance.

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Sincerely,

William Bright  
Editor, LANGUAGE

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