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Dear Professor Bright:

Re my paper "Response Cries."

First, I am greatly impressed by the speed of the reading, and acutely alive to the fact that you selected two readers likely to support an outsider's interactionist efforts. I therefore assume that although both outside readers had some reservations, other outside readers and perhaps yourself, could be expected to have more.

Reader A's suggestions were not extensive, and I have responded to them where I could. Gail Jefferson's critique is another matter. Her overall recommendation to cut extraneous issues would produce a paper of the kind she does very well, but cut such strengths as is possessed by the sort of thing I do. Her eleven pages of specific suggestions, however, were really quite remarkable, a product of a closer and more loving reading than anyone deserves. I disagree with a small number outright, and a few, again, speak to her own style of work. But the rest are very useful indeed. In almost every case, then, I have made changes where she had questions, although I may not have carried these changes in the direction she might prefer.

In addition, the changes I have made in response to both readers, although very numerous indeed, may not, I fear, answer the questions you yourself have, and in addition, do not make the paper any less long. A revised copy is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Erving Goffman

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Enclosures