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Mr. J.W. Merks, President  
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Dear Mr. Merks:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10 in which you propose a seminar or public debate on the issues that you have raised on geostatistics. From my perspective this issue is not of sufficiently widespread interest within the department for me to arrange a forum for its discussion. (I am not suggesting that the issue is unimportant.) Of course, Dr. Sinclair and others are completely free to arrange or participate in such a discussion.

You suggest that I should be present should such a discussion occur. As I have previously indicated to you, responsibility for teaching and research in this area is being transferred to the Department of Mining and Mineral Process Engineering. My participation would not therefore be an effective use of my time.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Ellis  
Professor and Head

c: A.J. Sinclair