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Dear Peter,

Indeed, I had not read your letter, as I told you, or at least only very superficially, and, therefore, to my regret, I had not understood what you meant. Now, after careful study, I am happy to state, that not only I do not have very strong objections, but on the contrary, I support your suggestion. To be precise, I think that logically one can compile call and declaration independently (!) so that there are no difficulties but this sheds a considerable burden on the compiler and also lengthens time and storage of the object program. Also it is a pity that our parameterfree function is d.d.d. but your suggestion is, I think, absolutely acceptable and handsome. Dijkstra agrees fully with this point of view and sends you his greetings.

I shall do my uttermost best to send you some examples of procedures and functions as soon as possible.

Kindest regards,

A. van Wijngaarden.

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Copies to Prof. Bauer Prof. Samelson Dr Woodger.