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Dear Sir,

Your article entitled Some Hydrodynamic Aspects of Two-Phase Flow and Boiling published in 1961 is by far the most lucid and straightforward article I have encountered in my continuing literature search. Your article is such a standout from all the baloney I have read recently that I could not resist the urge to congratulate you on a job well done. My only regret is that I am not a giant in the field so that you might attach more significance to my congratulations.

I commiserate with you in your statement

It was impossible to use data which had been processed out of all recognition by means of correlation procedures.

I have recently had the same experience and can appreciate the frustration you must have felt at the realization that no one publishes any data--it would seem that it is much easier to publish baloney than data. I am certain you meant the following statement as a polite reprimand:

It is possible to infer the original data approximately
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What a disgusting state of affairs it is when one has to infer the data approximately from a graph. I have not referred to the graphs you cited, but I would give overwhelming odds that they were log log graphs and that the axes were judiciously picked so as to create the impression that the scatter was non-existent!

I commend you on your statement

The problem of flow regime transition is, however, unsolved.

The baloney writers never admit there is anything they don't know--they just keep correlating and eliminating and fudging and cheating and lying until everything turns out to be a straight line on twelve cycle log log paper. Science marches on.

I have read many articles on this business of flow regimes, but yours is the first one I have seen which was really worth reading. I feel that you ran a beautiful experiment and have made a contribution of the first magnitude. I sincerely hope that you received the recognition which I feel your article amply deserves.

After reading your article, I concluded that we are kindred spirits and I have therefore spoken very frankly. If I have made an error in judgement, I apologize for wasting your time.

Sincerely yours,

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