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Dear Dr. Barbensi,

Thanks for your letter. I am sorry there has been so long delay about my book. I wrote at the time asking Oliver & Boyd to send you a copy of the 10th. edition, but they replied that this was already exhausted. They will send you as a present from me a copy of the 11th. edition when they are able to get this out, but I have not yet heard what steps they have been able to take towards this end.

I have often found the inconvenience in books based on "Statistical Methods", such as Tippett's, Snedecor's or Mather's, is that where I happen to have explained anything effectively these authors have felt obliged to bring in rather complicated variations of my treatment in order not to follow the original too closely. Sometimes, of course, their examples form very useful variations, but generally the primary explanations get confused.

In order to avoid further delay I am posting under separate cover a copy of the 9th. edition which I have in the department and which will, perhaps, meet your immediate needs.

Yours sincerely,