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Dear Newton,

Thank you for your letters of April 9 and March 31.

I am enclosing revised versions of our 'Natural Reasoning' and 'Acceptance' papers. Both have been rewritten in accordance with the suggestions you made and I have submitted the former to International Studies in Philosophy of Science. (I hope they accept it!)

You are right (of course!) about the necessity of extending the theory of partial/pragmatic truth in the non-classical direction and I've added the appropriate comments to our 'Acceptance' paper. However, I must be honest and admit that this discovery disturbed me because it essentially reveals that the technical foundations of our work are not complete. I was quite concerned that it would no longer be acceptable for publication in the Festschrift but my co-editor said some very nice things about it (she thinks that it is an important, if somewhat radical, piece of work) and we agreed to keep it. However, I should say that

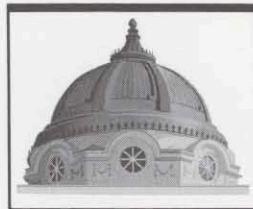
the whole volume will be independently reviewed by Robert Cohen at Boston University and the publishers' 'reader'. Hopefully they won't find too many problems with it!

Preparing the book is really taking up all my time; the Heidel expect the editors to do everything! They want us to have it finished by the beginning of August, for a 1993 publication date, so I'm going to be very busy this summer.

Thus it is probably just as well that I won't be going to Brazil. As you can see from the enclosed clipping, my proposal was even written about in the local newspaper, so now your name has been published in the 'Southeast Missourian'!! I talked to the chairperson of the Grants Funding Committee and he told me that I could use the money any time between now and the end of 1993. So perhaps I could visit you next summer. What do you think?

I hope that all goes well with the wedding - please give my congratulations and best wishes to Sylvia Lucia - and with your stay in LA. It's a pity that you won't be able to visit us, although I understand your situation. My head of dept. suggested that you could perhaps give a talk here, although there will not be many people around. Perhaps next time!

I am pleased that the collection of articles on paraconsistent logic was sent to Phil. Verlag, although



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I have still not heard anything from Elias. Thank you for the copy of 'Philosophical Science' and the publication information, which I was able to include in my 'Faculty Development Report' (we have to prepare one each year).

I received a letter from Doria and ~~she~~ replied by E-mail. I hope to be able to send you something over the summer; please let me have any ideas you might have.

I am very interested in writing something with you on non-monotonic logic. I'm quite excited by your idea of setting such reasoning in the framework of inductive logic and pragmatic truth and I think this could be a very fruitful approach to pursue. I intend to read some more on non-monotonic reasoning and I'll write soon with any ideas I ~~may~~ have.

Best regards to Neasa and your family,
take care,

Best wishes,

Steven.