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Dear Professor Samuelson,

Please find enclosed the reprint of the paper "The Invention of the Independence Condition for Preferences," by Fishburn and me, that has now appeared in *Management Science*. We want to thank you for the helpful comments that you gave in the past. The willingness of people to share their ideas and memories with us was essential for this work, without it we could not have done it. We have acknowledged your help in the acknowledgment on page 1141. As I see it, if one person should be credited for having been the first to have discovered the independence preference condition, then it was you. In that conclusion I am not thinking of your 1952 *Econometrica* paper, which was preceded (as you yourself pointed out to us in personal writing) by Marschak's (1950) paper, and also by Nash (1950). I am thinking of the part in your 1940 Ph. D. dissertation (appeared only in 1947 after a cruel delay) that we describe on page 1141. Thanks again for your help!

Sincerely, Peter Wakker

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