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Dear Dr. Bunge:

Thank you so much for sending me your very interesting commentary on Emergence and the Mind. On the whole I am in complete agreement with your proposal as you probably know from reading the final chapter of Languages of the Brain. I am not sure however that I would want to call the viewpoint "materialist" simply because I am not that sure that physical forces, energies, and other emergence of this sort are necessarily to be called material. Is the structure of a Beethoven Symphony material, or that of a computer program for that matter? My main reason for objecting is not that I feel that they are "immaterial" but that by naming a process material we seem to classify it in opposition to something else and what might that else then be?

Once again, thank you for the paper.

Warmest regards,



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Prof. J. G. Thompson  
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Dear J. G. Thompson:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 21, 1971. I am in complete agreement with your suggestion as you probably know that the final chapter of my book "The Geometry of Numbers" is devoted to the study of the geometry of numbers in the case of lattices. It is a pleasure to hear that you are interested in this subject and that you would like to see my book. I would be glad to send you a copy if you wish. I am sorry that I cannot send you a copy of the book at the moment as it is not yet published. However, I can send you a copy of the book if you wish. I am sorry that I cannot send you a copy of the book at the moment as it is not yet published. However, I can send you a copy of the book if you wish.

Very truly yours,

L. E. Dickson

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