

Memo from  
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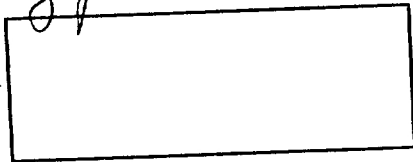
To: Dr Saumet

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I more than sympathize - albeit  
am disappointed (my hopes were  
excited by your footnote in the  
ACM 25' anniv. volume

What I am looking for is  
more background on the history  
and "sociology" of the BABEL  
phenomenon: the factors that  
modulate the differentiation of  
languages as a matter of historical  
fact; and the evaluation of the  
"functional utility". (As a geneticist  
I tend to have a speciation model - but  
not all the ecological niches ought  
to be so well isolated.) Do you have  
any further bibliography?



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