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Dear Arthur:

Thanks for your letter dated 18 April, which included your plans for the volume on vouchers. I had seen the outline earlier and I had wondered about inclusion of me as author of the introductory paper. I had more or less assumed that you had intended on asking permission to use excerpts from pieces I had done, for you or others. I see now that this is not the case, and that you are requesting me to do something specifically introductory to the collection you are getting together on vouchers.

Unfortunately, I don't see how I can manage what you want here. Aside from the early piece with Nutter you mention, I have never been involved at all with the voucher discussion (and, confidentially, if truth were known (don't tell Marjorie) I am less of an opponent of state schools than many of our friends, at least in principle). And on the pure theory of bureaucracy, as you know, I have learned most of this from Gordon, Bill Niskanen and others. I suggest that you ask Gordon or Bill Niskanen to do the introductory essay.

All the best. I shall look forward to seeing you in Cambridge.

Sincerely,

Jim Buchanan

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