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J. Kaplan,

Dear Julio,

I still have not gone over all the material which arose from the games you played against the program, but I am enclosing a replay of game 1, using a somewhat larger time limit than the 3seconds used in practice^{with the program playing your moves, sometimes.} One question you had was at move 15 ... Bh5 "Was there something better?". The machine seems to believe that the pawn on b2 is a valuable prize and so probably won't help answer that question.

Hyatt and Gower have said that they intend to play mostly "gambits" against Levy, in order to avoid strategic situations, I assume. It looks like that game may not take place until Feb. or later, so I have hopes that we can update the openings book (with gambits), incorporate a few other new changes, and then have a chance to play you again around the middle of Jan 84.

The stuff from Kopeck is enclosed. Altho I received no cover letter with the positions, I have enclosed a^{copy of a} letter received with an earlier set about 3 years ago. I will set the program to take 200 seconds to analyse each position. I would be very interested in your analysis and especially interested in any positions which you think 1). Deserve more time, 2). Deserve less time, based on encountering them under tournament conditions. (If such comments are possible and appropriate.)

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