Dear Abhijit,

I felt I must write to say how much I enjoyed meeting you at Herb's lecture. You were so kind to keep me company while waiting for Sandy to fetch the transport. It must have been a reward for supporting over the years a charity called 'Help the Aged'!

Thank you very much giving me a copy of your RAS paper. I do congratulate you. Wonderful to see how you clever young chaps are moving on the subject. It would be silly of me to pretend I could master the detail but it was a model of how such a piece of work should be presented. I particularly enjoyed your crisp, clear sentences. Any budding author looking for a co-author would be very lucky to find you! I mean it - what could I gain from flattery?

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

Prof. G F C Rogers
Any student of or expert in the science and engineering of gas turbine knows how outstanding and essential the book is. The creation of Cohen and Rogers is an institution by itself.

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