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Dear Josef,
thank you for your letter. My objection to the beginning of your paper was only that you gave the impression of considering measurement and aggregation as Sraffa's only (or main) aim or concern; while I think he had other main aims (to criticize the neoclassical approach and to reestablish the classical one) for which measurement and aggregation were instrumental. Of course Sraffa's analysis has then many implications, and can be used for many purposes. More than that, certain problems (employment, market forms, etc.) require different kinds or 'levels' of analysis; consistency in concepts and 'vision' is required, but not necessarily strictly formal consistency. I don't think this implies any disagreement with the object or the substance of your paper.

Ceriani and I look forward to the revised version of your Trieste paper on structure. I am proceeding slowly with my paper for the Sraffa conference. The administrative troubles take away large amounts of time; I was elected director of the department, against my wishes, and I will be free to resign only in October. Jan was in Rome in the past week-end: it seems that the Trieste school will be repeated this year as well, lasting a week, immediately after the Sraffa conference. I am glad that we will also meet in Berlin in October.

yours,

Sandro