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Do you remember a study of 10,000 pieces of population research during the last decade which concluded that only a negligible percent was actually translated into practical terms? If you can think of persons at the Foundation who might be willing to look at the Tribune Centre work as a corrective effort in this situation, I think Vicki Semler ^{(and Vicki Meja) right} would be just the ~~person~~ to talk with them.

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