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Dear Jeffrey,

It was SO GREAT to meet you - thank you for the visit, especially the conversation. You're an amazing person, and I'm lucky. :)

Here's a link to a blog post discussing the polymath project I mentioned.

[REDACTED] Terry Tao has put together a fascinating timeline of events in the proof here:

<http://michaelnielsen.org/polymath1/index.php?title=Timeline>

Tim Gowers' ground rules:

[REDACTED] The first comment in this post is your question: how is attribution given? Gowers' (unsatisfying) answer: "I don't know what happens with large collaborations in other subjects, but I've often wondered how one is supposed to evaluate a chemist, for example, who works as a member of a large team in a laboratory, for hiring purposes." An open and interesting question.

I've attached a short piece I wrote with my advisor and three of his grad students. It explains the motivation for my current work in openness in research, and showcases a component of my thesis work.

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PS. Here's one of Tao's most famous blog posts:

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