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Dear Professor Lederberg,

I am sorry that so much time has elapsed since our last correspondence about the Visiting Committee for the Yale Graduate School, but, as you may guess, it has been a long time a-borning. It is now definitively constituted; your fellow-members are: Prof. Gabriel Almond, of the Political Science department in your own university; Prof. Hellmut Fritzsche, of the Physics department in the University of Chicago; Prof. Robert L. Heilbroner, the economist at the New School for Social Research in NYC; Prof. Robert Helmreich, of the Psychology department in the University of Texas; Ms. Elizabeth Hall Janeway, of New York City (writer).

You should be receiving soon copies of documents which I have requested the Graduate School to send to members of the Committee on the following topics: 1. Formal programs which blend the work of the regular departments with the applied approach of policy or professional schools; 2. Figures on the numbers and types of placement from the Graduate School; 3. Figures on the numbers of drop-outs before the attainment of the Ph.D. I have asked that enough years be covered by these documents to indicate trends, if any.

These documents will not cover, obviously, either intra-departmental arrangements or informal thinking on the problem of graduate training for non-academic careers, and it is my thought that these important dimensions should be covered by interview. We should, of course, talk with the dean and with representative graduate students; but we should also talk with selected department heads, senior faculty, and junior faculty, and on this selection I need your counsel. Can you let me know who and what, in terms of individuals and/or departments, you think should be interviewed in reference to our project?

I have promised members of the Committee that our visit will occupy only one day, and this day will be Monday, September 19. I recall, of course, the agreement between us to the effect that you would participate in the work of the Committee without necessarily joining in the visit. Do let me know whether you can attend on September 19, and I shall either make arrangements for your visit or keep you abreast by correspondence, accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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