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Dear Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with the Search Committee.

Don Kennedy is of course a ~~best~~ premier candidate whose talents are well known to you.

You can only gain by also considering the virtues of people like Sid Drell, Dick Atkinson (NSF) and Bill Miller. ~~I would need the opportunity for searching interviews with each of them before I could~~ <sup>should precede</sup> ~~casting~~ <sup>about the presidency</sup> a final vote. They are all doubtless qualified. I would hang about Dick lest UC/SD tie him up.

David Hamburg would be unsurpassable as president - better than, say, as provost with its imperatives for detail. I don't know if he has categorically refused any deflection from his prospective role at Harvard. A team like Hamburg - Kennedy or Hamburg - Drell would be unmatched in every dimension.

How many exciting intellects of breadth are there these days? And are these the qualifications of a university president these days - what does Jim March say?

I prefer that you limit the circulation of this letter <sup>← over</sup> to you <sup>if you indicate otherwise</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>if you wish</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>us</sup> to respond more openly to specific questions I will be happy to try. ~~Overlook,~~ ~~over~~

I am afraid I cannot suggest any women or "minority" candidates of comparable stature and relevant experience for the specified role. I am sure that Patricia Harris would be an estimable university president but more appropriately for a state system than for the ~~university~~ private research university campus.

P.S. It may <sup>save us both an iota</sup> ~~be a small waste of energy~~ ~~in itself~~ if I record a categorical ~~Shermanian~~ <sup>for myself</sup> ~~with respect to my own availability~~. I have just begun to discharge my responsibilities here; and yes, I am enjoying it ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~much~~ but

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though there are many elements of the Stanford community for which I ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> like the department to realize the want.  
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