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Dear Josh;

I am not sure that our phone conversation yesterday was satisfactory. I was somewhat turned off at the time. Anyhow I thought I might reiterate the points that I made over the phone and those we discussed two weeks ago.

There is a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees involved in a search for a new president for Rockefeller. The committee is chaired by D. Rockefeller and includes F. Seitz of the NAS, W. Baker of Bell Labs, J.R. Dilworth of Rockefeller Bros Fund, R. Loeb of P&S and A. Nickerson of Socony Oil. ~~Last~~ Last spring, in pairs, they met individually with the senior faculty for recommendations regarding both nominations for the presidency and future developments here. The main goal of the faculty at that time was the creation of some mechanism for faculty involvement in future academic policy decisions. Late last spring Bronk created a Senate of the full professors from whom was elected a nine member working Academic Council. The Council did get up a set of working rules which when presented to a meeting of the Senate, at Bronk's house, could only recall the ~~files~~ files of Runnymede with the appropriate substitutions for King John and the Barons. The whole thing is too new to have really gotten off the ground and at the moment Bronk is ~~the~~ its presiding officer. To my knowledge, to date, there has been no feedback to the Council on the issue of the presidency. A number of outside advisors have also been approached. The only name I know is Paul Doty.

After careful consideration of my colleagues, I met individually with ~~four~~^{five} of them this past two weeks. I felt that these few (with me that is >10% of the senior faculty) in addition to a contact with Doty would suffice to bring your name to the fore. I believe all of these interviews went well, actually much better than I expected. Letters have been written and contacts have been made. At this point there seems to little to do but wait and keep one's ear to the ground. ~~In any event~~ In any event I think that a situation has been created ~~which that will indicate~~ which should stimulate the Trustees to consult the Faculty before a final decision is made. No ~~small~~ small point in itself.

You said that you plan to be East around Thanksgiving. We might miss each other as I'll be ~~in~~ at Pasadena NOV 26-28.

Marilyn and I really enjoyed the evening we spent with you at Betty's. For a bit those fifteen years since we'd been together just disappeared. Gad, we were young then.

As ever

