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Dear Josh:

Science and technology advice to the President is in low estate, perhaps close to nadir, as you know.

I have been asked to assemble a collection of thoughtful essays from qualified and influential individuals, regardless of their political orientations. I have agreed to do so because I think it a worthy and timely enterprise, potentially beneficial to our country and to science and technology. The essays will be published in a special issue of Technology In Society and simultaneously as a book. The provisional title is Science and Technology Advice to the Highest Levels of Government: President, Congress, and Judiciary.

I hope you will write an article expressing your views about science advice to any or all of the three branches of our Federal Government. Emphasis should be on the future. The history was covered in the previous volume, Science Advice to the President, published in 1980. We should consider the past but need not be bound by it. Novel and diverse ideas are encouraged. Your article may be of virtually any length, although 1000-2000 words would be optimal. Brevity, with clarity, will win attentive readership.

I am making this task a first priority. It can be important because of the approaching 1988 elections, since the volume will be published promptly, in time to influence the Presidential candidates before the conventions and the Presidential transition team after the election.

Deadline? Let's say June 30. Blessings and accolades to early arrivals.

You will be in good company. I hope you will say yes.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Golden

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