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Dr. K. F. Meyer
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Dear Dr. Meyer:

I am very pleased to hear that Dr. Englesberg is being considered for promotion to Assistant Professor. My impressions are quite favorable, but are based on only fleeting contacts and some correspondence.

When I met Ellis about two years ago, he was just about to complete his doctoral work. I had had an opportunity, earlier, to review his thesis. The work still seems quite good, although he did seem somewhat overexcited about it. Your comment as to his subsequent growth is therefore good, but not unexpected, news. I have gotten the same impression from my subsequent correspondence with him.

I hope this letter answers your questions. I would endorse the appointment, but would have to rely on the judgment of the persons who have worked more closely with him during the past two years.

Yours sincerely,

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