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Dear Bill: -

I tried to reach you on the phone but you were out.

Here's the present situation: Joe W. won't serve under Sam in the Utilities Division. He says he wouldn't have mentioned the matter if this new proposal had been made, but that Sam has let him carry the load in the Reorganization Division; that that's OK there but wouldn't be in the more difficult task of running the U. Division. As Leon feels most strongly about the necessity of having Joe in the U. Division and Ben substantially agrees with Leon, I, as one who will before long pass on the torch, feel that I can't insist on a Joe-less U. Division, especially as I'm not 100% sure that Sam without Joe can do the trick. Abe expresses grave doubts about Sam and Ted, less energetically, ditto.

Accordingly, I think it will have to be Joe with Bob O'Brien in Abe's place. I hope to find some tough Aryan to fill the post of Assistant to the Director. An announcement of the appointment of Joe, Bob and Mr. Aryan plus mention of Roger with some new title will probably somewhat offset the anti-semitic talk.

I'll phone you in the morning.

Sincerely,

Jerome