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TO: Ronald Prineas
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SUBJECT: Meeting with Jack Mandel

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My meeting with Jack Mandel, requested by him, was so that he could reassure his Associate Administrator, Ms. Syverson, with respect to her employment next year. From his description of her competence in research grants and curriculum management, it sounds as if we would be foolish to attempt the merger without her services. Thus, by reassuring her support, which is from School origin, she will be able to encourage her husband to take his residency here and to stay another period. He also indicated to me that they had otherwise, 1 Principal Secretary and 3 Senior Secretaries.

He briefly described the vasectomy project, the diet-cancer study which supports 0.5 full-time faculty and was just received, the radiation project, and the lymphoma and Alzheimer's disease projects.

He indicated the current problem that you and I have discussed of our problem to recruit for the Stebbings replacement faculty position to be available next fall if the Dean takes away half or all of that support for a year. One compromise would be to use the half-time position that is provided with the diet-cancer study from the American Cancer Society and combine that with half-time support from the Dean's office. However, with Len Schuman as the Principal Investigator, this requires his agreement and he is agreeing to nothing these days. Jack says he may move this week to start recruitment.

I don't know what the status is of Dr. Matenowski flying in for the Spring term. We should get up-to-date on that this week, and I will arrange a meeting with the Dean or with Len Schuman or with both and try to move things forward.

I continue to prefer that you and Jack make recommendations including alternatives, to me privately and that we agree on the subsequent course - whether I should make the representation to the Dean or whether it should be a recommendation directly to the Dean from you two, or from Schuman, if he takes initiative.

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It seems to me that we are getting into a bad situation in which Len is retreating into a shell doing nothing and the Dean is unwilling to take over full administrative responsibility for Epidemiology. Jack is moving vigorously, and that's our best hope. Can you see the nature of your eventual collaboration with him? I "sort of" see you relieving him of grants administration and he you of teaching program and graduate student administration.

HB/jml