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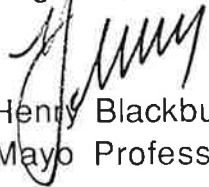
Dear Mike:

Thank you for your July 5th letter to Russell and for the heartwarming news that Alan Lifson is doing what we had thought he could. I am sure you will enjoy Phil Lowry as well. I think we are finally on the way.

Thanks for your support which is absolutely crucial to this development.

I am pleased to have headed the Search Committee for both these fine fellows.

Regards,



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