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Dear Dr. Edwardson:

Some years ago, when approached by Johns Hopkins, I decided that Division Head was as far as I should push the Peter Principle.

With my current age, and a delightful new career as writer and historian, I should clearly not compete for this deanship!

I am pleased, however, that someone thinks that I should, in this School where I've spent 38 years! And I wish you well in the search.

Cordially,

Herry Blackburn, MD

Mayo Professor of Public Health

p.s. The enclosed indicates a mindset ill-suited for deanship, wouldn't you agree?

enclosure

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