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Dear Viktor:

Since telephoning you yesterday, Tom Johnson, who has handled the elementary course here, has decided to accept an associate professorship at Arkansas. This leaves the first two years' courses uncovered and three places to fill (including an Instructorship in biophysics).

It may be desirable, therefore, to reorient our policy of appointments. I should not like to place the first two-year courses in the hands of instructors, even though the senior staff do participate liberally in the lectures. Various possibilities suggest themselves: 1) appoint an Assistant Professor to handle the second-year work in genetic cytology and embryology and an Instructor for the elementary course; 2) as at present, appoint an Assistant Professor for the elementary course and an Instructor for the second-year course; 3) appoint a Visiting Professor or Visiting Associate Professor to handle the second-year course (presumably some one who would like to spend a year in Boston or at MIT anyway) and an Instructor for the elementary course; 4) other combinations.

If you have any thoughts of possible candidates in any of these categories, I would appreciate hearing about them as soon as possible (it is already so late as to make it very difficult to get anybody at all). I suppose I shall have to get on my horse and attend various meetings and visit various laboratories to try to round up the needed staff. I shall be in Iowa, June 4-6, and could include any encouraging stops on that trip.

Many thanks for any suggestions you can offer.

As ever,

Frank

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