Memo from
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To: Rodney Nichols
(personal)

Will you stay?

Until the Board has acted, it would be presumptuous to raise this more formally. But the odds are too high to dismiss some contingent planning; and I won't have much time to make my own final decision after that.

It would be very important to me to know that you would be willing to stay for at least my first year, should I come. There is no other person -- by my own judgment and from many other soundings -- who would be so nearly indispensable to the University, especially to protect it from the side effects of my own encounter with the learning curve!

I am sure it would be great fun to work together. Will you do it?

Joshua.

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