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Chief Justice Roger Traynor
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Dear Roger:

It was good to see you last Friday and Saturday. It seemed to me that we made commendable progress. Now, we have to see to it that we get acceptances to the council and find an executive director with whom you can work.

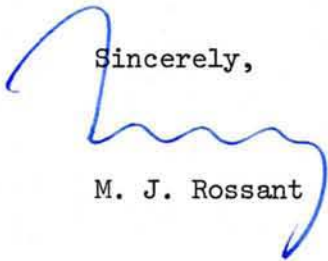
I am enclosing a suggested draft of a letter to council members for your signature. If you will edit it and return it to us, we will arrange to have them sent out to Mr. Holman and other candidates when their acceptances are received.

Matthew Fox and Lee Sigal are working on biographies of the candidates, and we will get them out to you this week. At the same time, I will be trying to persuade some of our choices to accept membership on the council as well as arranging interviews for all of the candidates for the directorship.

I spoke to John Oakes today. He of course deploras the letter issued by Punch Sulzberger, which was written by Abe Rosenthal. But he did point out that the letter does not say that the Times would refuse to "cooperate" with the council, although the news story indicated that that was the case. The Times, according to John, will not "participate," which he considered much less damaging than "cooperate," since the council is not asking for participation. John concedes that Abe Rosenthal would like to kill the council before it can begin; he obviously hopes that we will get the council launched despite this opposition, which he feels is a "terrible blunder" for the Times to make.

I will be in touch about acceptances and other matters. Meanwhile, my best to Mrs. Traynor and to you.

Sincerely,



M. J. Rossant