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The Principal
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Dear Principal:

It has been suggested to me privately and unofficially that I might possibly be well advised to apply for the Chichele chair of international law recently vacated at Oxford by the death of Sir Erle Richards. Personally I should regard myself as an outsider, but the possibilities of the post are so great that I do not like to dismiss the suggestion altogether from my mind. But I shall do nothing until I have made further inquiries at Oxford.

I only mention it now confidentially in order to urge again the importance of putting the administration of this Faculty upon a sound and permanent footing before we separate for the summer. The appointment is hardly likely to be made before September, which would cause the maximum of inconvenience to this Faculty, in the improbable event of the choice falling on myself. It is essential that whoever handles the new students next session should be thoroughly familiar with our policy and practice. Otherwise great confusion is bound to result. I should add that our secretary, the only other person who really knows the ropes, is also thinking of giving up her work in September.

As I have said, I regard my appointment as extremely unlikely, and perhaps I may not even apply. I prefer