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Dear Ruth:

I am hoping to prepare a critique of the Nathan report for you over this weekend and should have it in the mail sometime next week. Meantime, as we attempt to get our house in order to implement those recommendations of the report which appear to us to be timely and practicable, it seems obvious that we need a new, well-qualified development economist to head our Department of Resources and Development. This department may take a form and administrative relationship other than that existing at present. Whatever organizational changes and functional changes are made, it must be under the direction of strong leadership. Paul Winsor and I have discussed this matter and we are in agreement that a new assignment for him would be preferable from his point of view. He has even indicated an interest in a Distad position should one become available.

Some time ago, we were in correspondence with Mr. William Rhyne who was then and may now be in Washington with the Agency for International Development. The background material we have on Mr. Rhyne indicates to me that he might well be the type of person we need. It is my recollection that you were impressed with his experience and had recommended that we consider him at one time. I am asking Dave Chewning to interview him and let me have his impressions and his opinion as to whether Mr. Rhyne would be the type of person who could help us move into the implementation phase of the Nathan report.

I am reporting the foregoing for your information and I shall also appreciate any indication of whether you still regard Mr. Rhyne as the type of person who would strengthen our staff and measure up to the responsibilities that progressive effort in this area of economic development will demand.

Sincerely,

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