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D. G. Tuck,
Chairman,
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Dear Professor Tuck:

Thank you for the final report of the Committee, dated 9th April 1969. This dissenting report is concerned with Section IV, and centers on the Review Committee described on pp. 4-5. Insofar as this Review Committee is supposed to judge the fitness of a Department to choose a Chairman before the Department has even tried to choose a Chairman, this proposed Review Committee violates the provisions of the Interim Council Report II-4-6b and II-4-6c, where the reviewing Dean's Committee asks the Department to choose a candidate from outside the Department if the choice from within the Department is unacceptable. The Interim Council Report makes good sense: there is no point in raising all kinds of accusations and counter-accusations as a (god forbid!) normal procedure prior to a Department's efforts to select a Chairman. Even a suspect Department may come up with a perfectly acceptable Chairman either from within or outside the Department. If the Department's candidate is unacceptable, then the trouble obviously begins. But this dissenting report asks: Why create a lot of trouble before you have to? And I predict that there will be a lot of unnecessary trouble if Senate accepts this notion of a Review Committee granting or withholding its "Certificate of Good Housekeeping" on the basis of goodness knows what rumour and hearsay evidence.

Yours sincerely,

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