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Dear Gaylen:

To yours of the 17th.

The obvious thing to do is make another grant application, both to NIH and NSF, stating exactly what you want to do and why. There is a May 15 deadline for NSF which would be timed just about right. The NIH has a March 1 deadline (for a project to be activated in the early fall; July 1 for Dec.-Jan. start). The March 1 date is early, but you can probably get under the wire if you send in an "advance copy" while the official one percolates through the University channels. Syverton is on the NIH council that will pass on any such application so you'll have to clear through him in any case.

There is no reason you should not initiate the application now. You can revise or withdraw them at any time and Sermonti's letter to me is quite enough grounds to begin applying. In any case you have 3 months breathing space.

I should think you could justify a salary of \$5,500-6,000 without too much trouble and this should be enough to carry both of them. NSF will also allow travel cost; NIH possibly not. That is probably better than writing a separate salary for each and gives more leeway to Sra. S. if you have a windfall.

I have anticipated your "confidential request" and have already whispered your name in a few dark corners. More occasions will arise - be patient. What about Maury's job? Sorry you can't make the Symposium but I well understand.

Would you care to let me have a few copies of a current curriculum vitae and publication list?

Yours sincerely,

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