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Dear Lloyd:

I write to find out directly from yourself whether you could be dislodged from your present post, in order to accept the position of Medical Director of Ethyl Corporation, and whether you would consider looking into the potentialities of this post.

It is not that I have, at this time, the authority to offer you this job. However, I have been asked to consider the problem presented by the resignation of George Rouse and to make such suggestions as I think best in order to fill the vacancy.

Knowing the people in Ethyl Corporation, and knowing what they have been doing to continue Ethyl as a going concern, I consider the potentialities of this position to be good indeed, and I'd like to see it developed as it can and should be. It is my belief that you could do this, and have an excellent time in doing so. I should tell you, what you probably know as well as I, that I have no knowledge of your present post or what you expect to do with it. I simply have a great respect for the attitude and competence of the people who are Ethyl Corporation, and I'd like to have a hand in putting and keeping them on the right track in the medical aspects of their business. I think that their course has represented a completely new chapter in medicine in industry and I'd like it to have the leadership that will continue the course. I would not expect you to do more at present than to express your willingness to explore the matter thoroughly. Should you be so willing, I would put you in touch with the group (through its chairman) which is doing the search for the right man. I would expect you to look into the matter thoroughly with your fingers crossed and come to your own conclusion. I'll be glad to give you my honest opinion of the prospects, and to give you the low-down on the Executive Vice-President, Lawrence E. Blanchard, Jr., whose age, mental qualities and physical energies are such as to make him the person to deal with and through.

I don't want to put any pressure or persuasion on you. I've simply looked over the field in order to make up my mind (before giving any advice) whom I might be willing to recommend, and you are it. I am writing to no one else, as yet, and I have told no one that I've written this letter. Thus, you are not under any obligation of any kind to anyone but yourself.

Sincerely yours,

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