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Dear Mina:

I am worse than you in delaying replies. After all you were just putting off the odious task of filling out the PHS. All I had to do was answer your letter of November 30. Well here goes.

Al Whitman suits us fine, but I think Tommy is a little lukewarm on him. At any rate he filled out a PHS last year and it is still being processed. V. L. Klee is considered to be a very poor prospect by Albert. This is the thing I should not have delayed telling you about for so long. Richard Blanchfield and Eugene Orange both sound like good prospects. The latter is particularly attractive since the Cambridge Air Force Research Center will probably pay his way. I thought I answered your question about Tukey when I pointed out that we had informally decided not to ask him because we were sure he would be busy. Of course if he would come out to SCAMP and stay put he would be invaluable. Albert and I believe that William Pierce of SCAMP 1953, was a complete washout. I think Marshall Hall is blinded by the fact that he thinks that anyone who works in finite projective planes would be invaluable. I suggest we forget all about Pierce.

We are following up your suggestions and sending Personal History Statements to various people but you will hear about them through copies of the letters we send them. We are also sending copies to Dean Swift.

With best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Very cordially,

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