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Emeritus Professor Denis Winston,
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Dear Denis:

I'm told that you and Joan are in Penang today. I trust that you'll both be safely home in early May to find this letter waiting for you.

I've been overseas since last September, except for two brief visits home. I've been working for the World Bank in Indonesia and visiting Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, Nigeria and the U.S.A. The Central Java Projects are going well, and give me great professional and personal satisfaction. I'll show you some of my plans and reports next time we meet. I'm off again to Semarang in 2 days time, returning early to mid May.

Thank you for your support and advice last year on the PEC matter. The new Chairman is, by all accounts, an excellent man. The Chairman of the PSB refused to believe that anyone like myself from outside the Public Service could cope with the problems, and he may well be right.

I only heard of John Shaw's death on my return to Sydney in March. My own sadness was all the deeper because John and I had worked closely and harmoniously together in the sixties on many R.A.P.I. tasks, including the Journal. He was the easiest, most effective as well as hard working, Institute colleague it was ever my fortune to know.

It had always been my aspiration to follow you at Sydney, but when applications were called I was bound to two years work in Adelaide and Sydney, and was tied to the treadmill of the firm.

The situation now is happily different. I have no obligations past July August this year when my World Bank project is completed. I'm still doing special studies for the Sydney City Council, but I'm turning away other enquiries to old friends and associates. I've been offered a job with the Bank in Washington, but am in two minds about joining an international bureaucracy and leaving Australia for good.

So I've applied for the NSW Chair. On this occasion, I've had time to prepare a proper letter of application and a condensed, updated CV. In view of your previous willingness to act as referee, I've taken the liberty of nominating you again even though I could not contact you. A copy of my application is attached.'

I trust you'll have time to read what I've written I would do in the school, and that you'll conclude that I could serve it well.

With warm regards and best wishes to you and Joan,

Yours sincerely,


GEORGE CLARKE