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Don,

I have reviewed all of the applicants and, based on their cover letters and professional experience, don't believe any of them have the background, vision or understanding of the Clinton School and its role in the U of A system, to take the Clinton School to the next level or, more relevant, back to President Clinton's original vision. One of them might surprise me, but it would be a crapshoot. I am not sure the Clinton School could survive a bad choice.

In talking with Stephanie and President Clinton, there is one person that we believe could take the Clinton School where it needs to go and that's Todd Shields. He knows the Clinton School having served as Academic Dean for 18 months; he knows the U of A system and how to pull resources from the other institutions; and he is a proven fundraiser. While I know that going from Dean of Fulbright College to Dean of the Clinton School appears to be going backwards, if we were to structure the role as a System position with the responsibility to make the Clinton School a truly integrated school and found a way to match his current salary, I think we could sell it as a promotion at least to the public. Selling it to Todd might be more difficult but I think not trying to make it happen before accepting something less would be a lost opportunity and a huge mistake.

I know President Clinton feels similarly and he would be happy to call you to discuss if you are interested in pursuing.

Thanks.

Bruce