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Dr. Philip W. Anderson
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Gentlemen:

The following passage from Bentley Glass's response to my call for suggestions re procedure points up nicely the thought behind my own suggestion (November 30) as to how we might get started.

> "We could indeed waste a great deal of time discussing criteria and procedures. For this very first year of the Committee's award I should like to propose a shortcut, much in line with your suggestions in your second round robin letter, namely, to nominate personally someone who is so outstanding in this endeavor that we might search a thousand years and not find a better. In my thirty-three years as an editor of the Quarterly Review of Biology, not to mention the Survey of Biological Progress and a good many other editorial responsibilities involving the effort to get and publish really first-rate, creative, scholarly reviews, I have no trouble at all in naming the person I think is a model in this respect:"

I'll terminate the quote here, in the interest of having some independence in our initial proposals.

If by mid-January we have in hand a few candidates who seem to fall in somewhat the same class, I'll arrange to have you polled to see if all or most of us can get together briefly to conclude our assignment.

Sincerely,

Bill

William K. Estes, Chairman
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