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Dear Ted,

First, it appears from what was said at and after the last Council meeting that I did you an injustice. The relation between CAC, you and NCROPA is not what I thought it was. Please accept my apologies.

Do you think that it would save trouble if liaison between the two organisations were to be placed on a more formal footing? If each had an official representative on the executive of the other it would be easier to co-ordinate our work and avoid confusion and duplication of effort. I have it in mind to put it on the agenda.

We must have a chairman for the next meeting. Apart from anything else, John's friend is coming as an observer. I feel that trying to bring in a newcomer will waste more time and that you are the most suitable of those not self-disqualified or already holding office. I do not believe that anyone who knows you would suspect you of seeking Neville's resignation in order to succeed him. I have told Neville what I think.

The letter you handed to me from David Webb is, as you see, more extreme than the previous one, to Neville. It is easy to say that he doesn't mean what he says, but if he does mean it he is prepared to wreck the Campaign if he doesn't get his own way. Do you know of any way to persuade him that we are not to be browbeaten in this way?

Yours,

Mary

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