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Mr. Alan G. Kirk II
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Dear Mr. Kirk:

Many thanks for your letter dated February 1, 1971. When I expressed great interest in the mission of the Environmental Protection Agency and offered my services, I did not intend to suggest a position in the Office of the General Counsel. Although I was a practicing lawyer in New York some years ago, I have been away from the law so long that you would be far better advised to recruit recent graduates of prominent law schools rather than an individual such as myself.

Actually, my experience in the Government has been that of managing, as a generalist, teams of specialists in many parts of the world as well as here in Washington. Some of the teams have been sizable and have involved very substantial budgets. It occurred to me that there might be some branch of activity within the Environmental Protection Agency or some geographical subdivision which might need managerial personnel with a background such as mine. Above all, I have been increasingly personally concerned with the objectives which the Environmental Protection Agency is intended to serve, and am a member of many conservation and related groups, and thought I might possibly be useful somewhere, but definitely not in the Office of the General Counsel for the reasons indicated above. I know Mr. Herter of the Department of State, who is a personal friend, mentioned my name to Mr. Ruckelshaus.

Should there be other departments within the Environmental Protection Agency which might be interested in my qualifications, perhaps you would be good enough to forward the correspondence to them. Thanks again for your letter of February 1, and best wishes to you and the Agency in your important task.

Sincerely yours,

Ogden Williams