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Mike Eaton telephoned me, to report in confidence about his likely prospects for the future. He had an amicable mtg. with Dan McG today, who in effect suggested that - subject obviously to Govt. appointment - he might take Spanton's place on the Board as member responsible for



personnel. ME likes this idea;  
but Spanton does not vacate a  
Board place till Sept., so  
ME would have to return to  
Yorks. as <sup>N.Y.</sup> Area Director full  
then. That would mean that  
he was no longer in London  
Should the Govt. find his presence  
at Hrb. Ho. useful. An altrove  
might be his appoint ad interim  
as a Board m. without portfolio.  
But some Govt. action would be  
needed on all this. Do you want to give  
PCV a steer?