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I think you may be interested to see the following extract from a letter from the director of the British Council in London to the Ambassador in reply to a request for advice about the appointment of the staff of the School. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Edwards also, as I suggest it should be circulated to the Board of Governors. The extract reads as follows:

If the project goes ahead to the original time-table, our view is that April would be the best time to advertise for the Headmaster (for appointment to take effect from January 1958) and the advertisements for junior staff could be left until January (for appointments to date from, say, July). A January 1958 recruitment for junior staff would enable the Headmaster to have a say in the choice of teachers and if junior staff were at post a couple of months before the opening of school that should be all right. The Council, will, of course, be happy to assist in both exercises if it is the Board's decision that it should do so.

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