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Mr. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
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Dear Mr. van der Rohe:

The Corcoran School of Art may soon have an opening for an Instructor in basic design who would also be the School's administrative officer, possibly with the title of Dean.

He would be responsible to Mr. Richard Lahey, for many years the School's Principal. His duties would include devoting about half his time to the administration of the School: interviewing prospective students, keeping students' records, and handling the correspondence. He would have the assistance of a secretary. In a way his duties would resemble those of a dean. Mr. Lahey is usually present at the School two days a week; which will make the responsibilities of his chief assistant all the more important.

The other half of his duties would be devoted to teaching courses in basic design. These would be given to a student body consisting of the Corcoran's own students and those of George Washington University. The courses would be required for Freshmen of the University. There is a chance that sooner or later more advanced courses will be given, including some for a Master's Degree.

The incumbent would have considerable freedom in choosing teaching methods and devising courses. His chief objective should be to give the students a very broad understanding of design principles and subject them to a fairly strict intellectual discipline. This would to some extent offset the freedom which is necessarily associated with creative art courses.

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