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Dear Julian:

The project you describe is indeed interesting, but also challenging since meaningful results are hardly assured.

Regarding scientific areas, I was surprised you did not include some areas relating to the material sciences--perhaps some topics in theoretical mechanics where a great deal is published.

I expect it will be hard to get people to help [redacted] who are both available, broadly knowledgeable and have good perspective. Of those on your list so far I can get most enthusiastic about [redacted], but I would be surprised if you can get either one to commit the amount of time you want. I think the track you and [redacted] are on--going after a scientist who is about to retire from an active position--is a good one. Why not ask Frank Press for suggestions? I'll try to think of people myself.

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Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

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