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**To:** Jeffrey Epstein  
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JE,

Need advice. Having a meeting Wednesday with someone who wants to do a merger with Brockman, Inc. - a very serious player, and larger than us. It would make very big news in the publishing business. I have no idea how to begin to think about it. No interest in being acquired (and saving a job), or pulling the rug out from Max after his one month as CEO, but there are advantages to having more strength in the marketplace.

(This is confidential - not to Max and KM but to my staff - so I'm using my private email [REDACTED])

JB  
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p.s. In town at our new offices. Stop by and check it out?? (260 Fifth betw 28-29th sts).

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