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Scene 1b - (CREATING THE SPACE)

Lights go up.

NARRATOR:

Jack sorts paperwork at desk, stage left. Knock on door. George enters, stage right.

GEORGE

Good to see you Jack.

JACK

(they shake hands)

So glad you decided to take the job.

GEORGE

Have to admit, I was a little reluctant - but the meeting with Peter was amazing.

JACK

Did I tell you?

GEORGE

He has a genuine vision for the company, AND understands the importance of basic research.

JACK

It doesn't hurt that Xerox has a shit-load of money...I'm glad you had a chance to meet.

GEORGE

How long has it been?

JACK

Since we worked together?...I think I had hair then.

GEORGE

Still organizing the late night poker games?

JACK

And winning every one...Getting down to business. We need to talk about the best location for the lab...You are head of the new lab, so I value your opinion – though I have to admit being partial to the East Coast near Headquarters. If we locate the lab too far, it might be hard to translate research into product.

GEORGE

I can see how you might think that, but here me out.

(beat)

I taught at Stanford for a few years before coming to St. Louis...Lots of forward thinking people doing computer research. Building the lab in the Bay area, maybe Palo Alto, would be the best way to attract talented people. Stanford is very open to outside industry, and with my connections, they could be helpful.

(beat)

Palo Alto is not that far from El Segundo, where SDS is located. And, If the lab was located near Stanford, you could get on a plane, and be there for lunch.

JACK

I'm convinced!..We have to think of a name.

(beat)

How about The Academy of Scientific Study

GEORGE

A.S.S....I don't know.

JACK

You're right.

GEORGE

How about Xerox PARC...Palo Alto Research Center?

JACK

Xerox PARC...I like it!

(beat)

GEORGE

The first thing I want to do is visit the top Universities - talk to everyone who is anyone in computers, and find out who the best people are, in the field.

JACK

Great idea! The best and the brightest! Locating on the West Coast is a great first start, but we want to create a special environment...A place that encourages creative thought... We want our lab to be the place all the smart people want to come.

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