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Carol,

Just got an e-mail from Anne. Chris Neff "resigned" yesterday. I suspect he didn't give 2 weeks notice, either. Shirley says that Anne has been trying to hire Brian Smith back, but not as IS director. Shirley says she didn't think that is why Chris quit, because he didn't seem to have a problem with it. A staff meeting is scheduled for today at 3:00. More news later.

Steve

No, Chris isn't here. Shirley says her first clue that there was a change in personnel was when she saw Ron changing the building's security system code last night around 5:00.

Peter and Chris are old friends. They worked for the same company before they came to MERS. Peter got this job because Chris knew him. Peter did say it was a shame to lose Chris now, after they had accomplished so much in the last year.

Anne doesn't seem upset, but she is good at faking it. Maybe we'll get more information at the 3:00 meeting. The meeting is at the Delta Twp Hall, at Willow and Canal. We probably won't be expected to return to work, so I may be home early.

Peter is thinking about quitting, too. We have been trying to talk him out of it. He said Chris told them he was leaving last night, but wouldn't say why. It **has to be because of Anne.**