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I will give you a few questions to ask yourself. I have little confidence in the ability of any man to judge another's worth or ability except in the closest contact with him. I cannot form a judgment even in the closest contact with him except upon facts. You cannot judge almost anything except upon facts.

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