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Dr. Marshall Kay  
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Dear Marshall:

My research assistant, Mr. C. O. Durham, Jr., wants to continue his studies in Tertiary stratigraphy and paleontology at another university in order to obtain his Ph.D. Originally I had really looked forward to keeping him here and having him take his Ph.D. under my supervision. However, the University has now a rather strict rule that persons who take their Ph.D. here cannot be employed by the University later on. As a whole, this rule seems justified and is a good one. For that reason, Durham needs to go elsewhere to take his degree so that he may be eligible for employment here at the University, which would be an important consideration on account of his specialization in Tertiary stratigraphy. As you know, there are few places that would be interested in a man specializing in that branch.

Durham is very intelligent, industrious and capable man. He is not married. I think very highly of his possibilities and was originally going to support strongly his taking his degree here at the University. He has some more G.I. support coming to him so he will have some financial means; however, it would be advisable for him to obtain a scholarship or fellowship. As to his doctor thesis, it could very well be done in Texas and could possibly be supported as to field expenses by the Bureau and supervised by me, provided the work is of such a nature that Lonsdale would see fit to support it in the Bureau program.

What I would like to know is how he should go about trying for a fellowship or scholarship in your school and whether you would be interested in supervising his "in residence" work. I shall be glad to supply to you more detailed information concerning his past record and personality.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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