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Dr. H. B. Stenzel,  
Bureau of Economic Geology,  
University of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Dr. Stenzel,

I have been informed by Dr. Durham, who has just returned from the A.A.P.G. meeting in Chicago, that you indicated that you might be interested in a paleontological position with some oil company. You are probably aware that Dr. Durham, who has been the Chief Paleontologist of Tropical Oil Company for a number of years, is leaving the employ of the Company to take up academic work.

We do not intend to make you a definite offer at this time, but we might state that we are interested in replacing Dr. Durham and would like to obtain the services of a paleontologist and stratigrapher. Before we can definitely make you an offer of any type, if you are interested, we should like to know something about your academic training, where it was taken, and anything else pertaining to paleontology and stratigraphy that you may have to offer. We would also like to have a few references, if possible from the Head of the Department of Geology at the University of Texas, or from anyone else you think could give us the information we are looking for. We think it inadvisable at this time to contact your superiors at the University of Texas directly for fear of the position it might put you in, and for this reason we are going to you, first to confirm the fact that you would like to go into commercial work and, secondly, so that you may have the opportunity of informing your immediate superiors that you are contemplating such a change.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. O. C. Wheeler, International Petroleum Company, 56 Church Street, Toronto, Canada, and would appreciate it very much if you would contact Mr. Wheeler directly when answering this communication.

Yours very truly,

*Walter K. Link*  
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cc-Mr. O. C. Wheeler  
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