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Dear Stenzel:

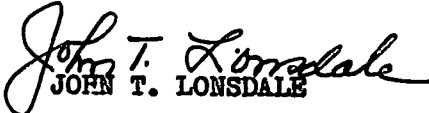
I suppose you know that I have accepted the appointment as Director of the Bureau. I may be sticking out my neck but have been warned in advance so it will be on my own head.

When I was in Austin I sensed that the most critical problem at the Bureau is that of conditions surrounding the staff. Salaries have not been adequately adjusted in relation to the importance of the work, qualifications of staff members and general University scale of pay. Dr. Sellards has recommended adjustments in the new budget. I feel certain that some adjustment will be made. I have written Dr. Painter the strongest letter I could write urging that the complete recommended adjustments be made. I can not predict what the outcome will be but hope for the best.

I think that generally conditions for the Bureau will improve during the next few years. There were signs I observed while in Austin that an improvement in status of research workers in the various bureaus is coming. It is my honest opinion that such an improvement can be expected though this may be based more on wishful thinking rather than on observed facts.

I am writing this to you because of our long acquaintance and since I know you better than the other staff members. If you wish you can tell them of this letter. You can all be assured that I will do everything I can to secure conditions which will be commensurate with the qualifications of the staff and the importance of the Bureau program.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN T. LONSDALE