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My dear Dr. Stenzel:

In reply to your letter of March 9:

Our records indicate that copies of Bulletin 896 have gone to the library of the University of Texas, to the Department of Geology of the University of Texas and to the Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology.

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However, upon reviewing the situation set forth in your letter of March 9, I am directing that a copy of Bulletin 896 be sent to you without charge. Please, however, do not encourage applications for free copies on the part of your students or associates. The copy sent you will, according to our records, make the fourth that has been made available in the University and the Bureau without cost. That number certainly will meet any needs there that might properly be designated as official or special.

Cordially yours,



Director.