

May 27, 1945

Mr. C. L. Baker
625 Lewis Street
Sheridan, Wyoming

Dear Baker:

You may have heard that Hesse died May 8th. He had been feeling sick for about two weeks, then had a heart attack and another one a week later. Turner came down from Chicago and arrived two hours before his death, but Hesse was already unconscious. I went to Bryan for the ceremony. The body was sent to Kansas. It shook Turner and me very much.

So now the A & M Geology Department consists of three men over 60, Burt, Mathew, and Michel. Just what they are going to do at A & M is not quite clear, but from what I have heard from other sources Turner may get his place back, if he wants it, but without any prospects of advancement in rank. My impression is that they are not going to do right by Turner.

Sellards is retiring Sept. 1 and it seems Lonsdale is in line for his place. While I like Lonsdale much the fact that he comes from the outside automatically stops all future advancement for the rest of us. Under the circumstances I don't think I should stay here any longer. How are the possibilities with your company? What would you advise? Should I go with an oil company? I would want the highest possible remuneration as I feel that I can not any longer afford to slight my growing family.

Just to make this letter complete-- The German gestapo got two of my cousins in France we just found out. These are the blackest days and I feel very much in the dumps. Sorry to tell you all this.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours

H. B. Stenzel

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