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I have the following suggestions and questions concerning my work.

Of the area which was assigned to me large parts are not even covered by preliminary geological maps. The company has apparently no maps covering southern and eastern Bastrop County for instance. I think therefore these vacant areas should be mapped first, the other parts of my area are at present at least roughly known to the company. The part that I know best from previous experience lies to the northeast. Therefore it seems logical that I begin in eastern Bastrop County and continue from there on southward. This I have started to do as you may see from my monthly report.

I would like to know whether I should begin now with the Weinert Ranch area or some other urgent area. Concerning mapping in such restricted areas disconnected from my more systematic mapping I must state that it usually means a loss of time for the systematic mapping of the entire area. Such localised investigations should perhaps be held to a minimum if possible. I am awaiting your decision and notification by you concerning any localised investigation such as the Weinert ranch area or others.

Concerning the accuracy or detail of mapping I have the following question: Should certain contacts, such as the Teches-Sparta contact, which are structurally reliable be mapped by plane table or only with the barometer? For the recognition of economically important structures the outcrop trend or swing will

be sufficient. But as long as I am working in the region and know the exact places where these contacts are it might be wise to obtain exact elevations on them. In that case it would be not much more expensive to do it by plane table than by barometer. This is at present not an urgent question, because at this time I am not ready for any plane table work, but a decision might be advisable so that I may shape my work accordingly. *]

Concerning written reports I have the following questions. Recently I sent a preliminary draft of the report on the West Belmont area to Houston. I ment for this report to be retyped and the map to be gone over by a draftsman. Presumably this was not done and presumably I am expected to send in finished reports. This I could do either bystyping and drafting the report here in Austin or in the San Antonio office. The office in San Antonio is usually loaded up with work and going to San Antonio just to have the report typed and drafted seems quite a loss of time. On the other hand I am not a fast typist nor draftsman; although I can do it myself a typist would finish the work faster. Would it be advisable to employ occasionally a typist? The total cost in a month would most certainly stay under five dollars.

*] A decision in this line might affect the purchase of a large Short & Mason aneroid which I have requested (compare letter to Mr. Bartlett).