

February 26, 1949

Chairman
Department of Geology
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Sir:

This letter is written on behalf of Mr. C. O. Durham, Jr., who is applying for a scholarship in the Geology Department.

Mr. Durham was a tutor and, later, instructor in the Geology Department here. He voluntarily abandoned his position, although this meant some loss in salary, and proposed himself as assistant in the Bureau of Economic Geology so that he might obtain more field experience in Tertiary stratigraphy. He has used his spare time for the same purpose by going on field trips on his own.

He has been known to me for several years; he was a visitor in one of my classes when rules of the University precluded his being a regular student in that course; since September 1948 he has been my assistant at the Bureau. He is easy to get along with, including during field work, and is well liked. He rates very high on that score certainly. He has good working habits and is industrious without being a drudge. I am well pleased with the work he has done as my assistant. His intelligence and capability are above the average of the graduate students here. I would estimate his score there in the upper 5 percent. His academic record is excellent.

He has shown considerable enterprise and purpose in his work. He wants to learn more and get more experience. I am very pleased with this attitude of his. I hope he will continue with his work and would be pleased to see him return to the Geology Department or the Bureau here.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel
Professor of Geology, and
Geologist, Bureau of Economic Geology