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DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

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Dr. H. B. Stenzel,
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Dear Doctor Stenzel,

Replying to yours of May 25th, I am sorry to say that my leaving Princeton will leave so small a wound that it is expected to heal up without any attempt at replacement. My position here has always been peripheral. I am not in the professorial hierarchy but have that nondescript title applicable to those for whom there is really no place; Lecturer and Curator. And funds were so low that I was only paid on a half-time basis, and on annual tenure.

On receipt of your letter I spoke to Arthur Buddington, Departmental Chairman, about you. His reaction was that it would be most stimulating to have a man of your attainments with us, but that circumstances largely involving the budget, would not permit. After all our teaching staff already includes three paleontologists, Howell, Jepsen, and Dorf, with Field as a stratigrapher. In these days of reduced income and uncertain future, one can hardly expect more. After the war perhaps it will be different but unless there are some deaths or resignations I hardly expect so.

As you probably know at the present there are more good teaching jobs open for paleontologists than can be filled with truly competent men; Minnesota, ^{Illinois} ~~Wisconsin~~, ^{Illinois} ~~Chicago~~, Indiana, ~~Harvard~~, Johns Hopkins, University of California, California Tech., etc. Most of them (but not all) want young men at low salaries. But most of them also offer great opportunities for the future. Perhaps if you could bring yourself to attention of some, or all of them ---. You are well and favorably known on all sides; I should think some of them would jump at the opportunity to get a man of your calibre.

With my best wishes,

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