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Dear Sir:

It is a surprise to learn that Dr. Stenzel is considering leaving the University of Texas, and particularly the Bureau of Economic Geology. He would be sorely missed in Austin after his many years of very useful service there. However, if you are offering him a better salary, I can readily understand his making such a change for family reasons. A very substantial income is necessary to educate and launch into the world three fine daughters, and I am sure this is a prime consideration with the Stenzels.

I have known Dr. Stenzel professionally since he first came to Texas, and our personal association has been fairly close during the last ten years. While he was Secretary-Treasurer of S. E. P. M. I worked with him closely as President in 1946 and as a member of the Council until 1949. He has been consulted frequently on geological problems connected with Company work. I have found him most cooperative and eager to be helpful.

In answer to your specific questions:

1. Ability to work with others is excellent. He can be very diplomatic, and yet when the occasion demands it he is as firm as a rock. I have never heard of his having any difficulty in getting along with his associates.

2. I believe he is eminently fitted to administer a university department of geology, provided the university administration aims to have a thorough and well recognized department. He has never been satisfied with anything smacking of laxity.

3. He is well liked by all students who have a genuine interest in their work. Although he brooks no foolishness, his courses have been very popular with those qualified to profit from them. He gets along quite well with younger staff members at the Bureau of Economic Geology.

4. Stenzel is a "natural" as a teacher and lecturer. His approach is well organized and presentation of subject matter vivid. He will carry on as much research as is humanly possible with the time at his disposal.