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San Antonio, Texas  
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Dr. H. B. Stenzel  
A & M College  
College Station, Texas

Dear Stenzel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10th and I thank you for suggesting Mr. Mueller to me. I believe that I know this man and from what I have seen it would appear that he has considerable interest in geology. It would do no harm for him to come over and see me if he cares to, but I hardly think this is necessary at this time since we haven't any authority at the present for hiring anyone, although it may be forthcoming before long and I merely wished to get some good man lined up.

I would suggest that you have him file his application for a job, giving a complete outline of his training and experience, which I can hold in my file. When and if an opening develops I shall then get in touch with him.

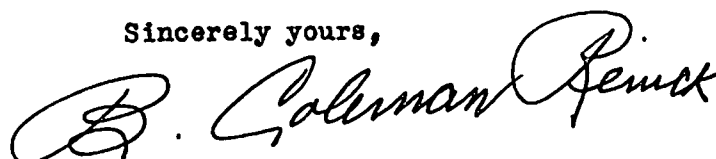
Do you regard him as qualified to do work with a plane table and alidade since it may be necessary every now and then for him to run an elevation of a well, although this will not be one of his duties. I should also like to know if you would regard him as competent to run an instrument in the event that he would be called upon to assist in any geological matter.

I am sorry to hear that the salary cuts at A&M have been excessive, but I trust that things will work out satisfactorily for you. I should like very much to have been with you on your trip through the Coastal Plains and at the International Geological Congress.

With best regards,

BCR:da

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "B. Coleman Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".