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Mr. W. J. N. Whipple
c/o Dr. Grover E. Murray
School of Geology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Whipple:

Your name has come to my attention through Dr. Murray of your Geology Department. I understand that you are possibly interested in becoming a research assistant with the Bureau of Economic Geology for the period September 1, 1949, to August 31, 1950. This position is chiefly one of assistance to one of the senior geologists on the Bureau staff. In your case, it would be assistant to myself because you are well prepared in Gulf Coast geology and stratigraphy. Hence, most of your time will have to be spent doing whatever work is necessary to help me in my Bureau work, which will consist of field mapping, measuring stratigraphic sections, writing reports, preparing maps for publication, work on larger fossils in the collections, and general office work. You will not be in a position to take any courses except during the spring semester when you will be able to take a course of three credit hours, Geology 379--Cenozoic stratigraphy of the Gulf Coastal Plain. This condition derives from the fact that full-time employees of the University can only take that many credit hours during their employ.

I believe you wish to prepare yourself for a master's degree. The procedure in this case works out as follows: After you have been a research assistant for one year you can apply for a scholarship at this University and do such course work and thesis work as necessary so that you can finish in about two semesters. In your case you would be ready for your degree in June 1951. Mr. A. L. Lyth, Jr., who was my assistant in 1947-48, is now finishing his master's successfully and seems to have found the arrangements satisfactory.

While you are a research assistant on the Bureau staff, you will become acquainted with several possible problems and areas and from these you can evolve your thesis work.

If you wish to apply for this position, please fill out the enclosed application blank, enclose a recent photograph of yourself, and an official transcript of your scholastic record.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel
Geologist

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