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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

On Dec. 12th, '57, I visited Mr. Olin G. Bell at Humble Oil & Refining Co, Houston and he suggested to me that I should contact you for the reasons explained below. As I had an appointment in Dallas on the 13-th and another in Tulsa on the 16-th, I could not come personally to see you on that occasion. However, I would like to come to Texas again at the end of January and if you would agree, I would be grateful to meet you.

In order to save writing it into my letter, I take the liberty of enclosing a short record of my education, qualifications, experience and personal data as a means of better introducing myself to you.

After having waited 8 years for the immigration visa I have now arrived in the United States with my wife and two children and am anxious to make contacts with the petroleum engineers, geologists, drilling specialists etc. in as many branches of the American Petroleum Industry as possible. This I wish to do for the simple reason that I have been in foreign lands, mostly in underdeveloped areas for the last 7 yrs and have a lot to "catch-up" in my experience. Although I have followed the developments in petroleum industry in this country and in foreign operations very keenly, by necessity it was by reading only. Now I wish to make up for the lost time and would like to obtain advice from men of goodwill, those, who are not so terribly busy as to reply to a stranger in need of good advice.

Needless to say, my first and foremost desire is to get to work in the Petroleum Industry, preferably in this country and not abroad, so that I can maintain my family and start immediately this process of catching-up. I have met several top brass at the API Convention in Chicago in early November last year, I have also visited quite a number of people and firms during my motor trip to Oklahoma and Texas during last week of November and December (3 weeks). I was shocked by the existing situation and begin to wonder if I had done a wise thing by immigrating here, especially this year. Of course when I was leaving Ghana and later England, there was no means of knowing the employment position in this Country: the latest reports I had were that there was still a shortage of qualified engineers in the production and in the drilling branches that the geologists were still needed.

Maybe its true that the companies get their annual budgets in January, often in February; maybe its true that they cannot engage personnel before they get this new budget: but what a painful surprise for someone like me.

If you know of some possibilities, if you feel that you could put me in touch with some people who might need my services please let me know, or let them know about me. Maybe you know personally Mr. Max Bornhouser with Dillard & Waltermire - I saw him in Houston - you could obtain from him his impression about me. But I feel I should make another trip to Texas and try again. Should I come now, at the end

of January, or maybe I should delay this trip until Mid-February, meantime taking any odd job, like perhaps playing organ in church?

If the position does not improve and the employment market should deteriorate in the petroleum industry even further, perhaps I should accept an offer of work with a waterwell drilling outfit in St. Paul, Minn. But I am a petroleum engineer, I have spent considerable time and effort to learn my profession. True, I have been doing waterwell drilling engineering and hydrology for the last 7 years, this, however, was more from necessity than from choice.


Mr. Olin Bell has told me of your kindness and goodwill, your great knowledge of the situation in the industry and your wide contacts with large numbers of men in the industry. He said that you would give me more information than I would be able to gather in a month of visits and contacts. He told me also that like me, you have come to this country from Europe.

At the moment I feel home-sick for Europe, discouraged with America. I feel a little lost and bewildered. I must do something either way: persevere here, or admit defeat and beat retreat. Where should I go? to whom should I turn, apart from the God, to whom I pray for guidance, to give me the down-to-the-earth advice in my present situation?

It may sound silly this letter, but it is a cry of near-despair and a cry for help.

Please try to help, Dr. Stenzel,

yours sincerely,


Z. S. Wyszynski.

RESUME OF QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

ZBIGNIEW S.O. 'BYRNE WYSZYNSKI

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Born in 1916 in Krakow, Poland; Naturalized British Subject 1950. Graduate (equivalent B.S.) Mining Engrng, Krakow University School of Mining & Metallurgy; Postgraduate work in Gt. Britain: 1 yr. Geological Department University of St. Andrews, Scotland; 1 yr. Mining, Geological & Petroleum Engrng. Departments, University of Birmingham, England; 1 yr. Polish University College of Engineering in London; M.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering & Geology in 1944; followed by 4 mths. work on Core-Analysis & Reservoir Engrng. Oil Dept. Royal School of Mines, Imperial Institute, London University; 10 mths. study Sedimentary Petrography, mineralogy of clays etc. at Geol. Dept. Birmingham University. (1945/46)

Associate Member American Institute Mining & Metallurgical Engrns. (1946)
Associate Member British Institute of Petroleum, London. (1945)

Marital Status: Married, two children.

Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 170 lbs.

Knowledge of languages: English, French & Polish fluent
Italian, Spanish, Greek - fair in speech
understanding and reading. Other Slavonic
languages understanding in speech.

Special abilities: good knowledge of European Continent, it's peoples and languages, also of West African Coast. Would travel anywhere, provided based on U.S.A. No preference as to location in U.S.A. or Canada. Energetic organiser and good mixer, adaptable to environments, people and conditions. Reliable and persevering worker. Good shot, ski enthusiast.

EXPERIENCE RECORD

Sept. 1952 to date	Drilling Supt'dt i/c Development of Underground Water Resources by well drilling for the Government of Gold,- Coast (now Ghana) in Tropical West Africa. Complete responsibility for planning and executing large scale program of water well drilling by 17 drilling-rigs of several types & makes, cable tool and rotary; sampling, yield-testing, completions, Pump installations, Office, stores and W'shop organization, record keeping; cooperation with Geological Surveys & Lands Departments; supervision of European and African drilling staff and labour; Control of Contractors' works and certification of same. Presently on long leave.
Dec. 1950 to Mar. 1952	Drilling Supt'dt i/c Investigation Drilling Operations in Greece for Assoc. Drlg. & Supply Co. (Overseas) Ltd., of Southal, Middx, England. Planning Organizing & Supervision drilling operations in certain areas of Greece in cooperation with geologists & geophysicists, under "Point Four" of E.C.A. Plan of Aid to Greece. Cabletool and rotary portable rigs; drilling, sampling, yield testing and completion of water-wells, mostly artesian; Administration of field offices,

- stores and w'shops; writing reports; supervision of British and Greek staff and labour. Reason for leaving: termination of project due to end of E.C.A. program.
- Sept. 1950 to Dec. 1950 Time material and cost studies & analyses, report writing; consulting work, including supervision of casing and cementing jobs and yield testing on drilling sites in Great Britain.
- Mar. 1948 to July 1950 Field Geologist & Engineer with Richardson, Timmins & Co. Ltd., Drilling Contractors in Great Britain. In charge all geological & Geophysical work, electrical well-logging (Haliburton Electric Well Logging Unit), Verticality surveys, drilling mud control and research, special muds for special drilling and coring problems occasionally supervising and tool-pushing on drilling jobs. Supervision of casing and cementing jobs. Rotary rigs only: Failing, Sullivan, Cardwell, Oilwell & Ideal 50, Longyear etc., mostly drilling and coring of exploration boreholes for coal and other minerals in England, Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland.
- Feb. 1947 to Dec. 1947 Production Geologist with National Mining Corporation in Trinidad, W. Indies, oilfields. Well-site geological work, supervision of drilling-in, completion and washing-in of oilwells; drilling mud control incl. special muds. Electric well logging interpretation and correlation, subsurface mapping, production control and exploitation policy, estimating reserves and preparing a secondary-recovery project. Reason for leaving: winding-up of Company's operations.
- Aug. 1944 to Aug. 1945 Junior Geologist-in-Training with Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd., petroleum exploration and drilling in Great Britain. Field and subsurface geology, well-site geological work and mud control on a deep test well.
- 1933 to 1939 Student's vocational work in mines (coal & salt), in oilfields; geological field trips and surveys, visits to metal mines etc. approx. 2-1/2 months each year.