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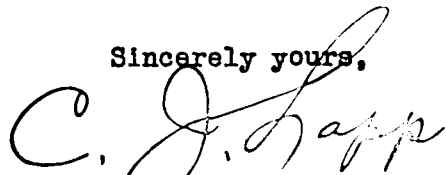
RE: Ernest L. Lundelius

My Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Your name has been given as a reference by the applicant named above, who is applying for a fellowship administered by the National Research Council. It will be appreciated if you will fill in the enclosed form. In addition to the specific questions asked, the board would be grateful for a frank and full statement regarding any phase of the applicant's qualifications which you feel should be emphasized. Space for additional comments is provided at the end of the form. Clear reproductions are assured if the directions for completing the form are followed.

In order that the applicant's file may be complete for the next meeting of the Board, your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



C. J. LAPP

NRC Fellowship Office

Enclosures

Vertebrate Paleontology

STENZEL, Henryk Bronislaw

The University of Texas

as well as personally.

Very well known to me professionally

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Lundelius, Ernest Luther Jr

In the summer of 1949 he was my field assistant in east Texas when I was doing geological mapping. His work there was dependable and under close daily scrutiny.

He discovered Cretaceous isopods (see 5) near Austin.

His rating in ability to express himself clearly is based on written reports, maps, and cross sections handed in by him every week after class field trips undertaken each weekend during spring semester 1950. Reports were clear, concise, and logical.

The most outstanding character trait is his single-minded undeviatingly persistent determination to become expert in vertebrate paleontology starting already in high school. To gain this end he has seized every possible opportunity and avenue without that such avenues had to be pointed out to him. As a university student he became on the side an avid collector of live lizards and snakes, including poisonous ones; he could identify most of them at a glance and is familiar with their ecology. He is a very observant person and has discovered several fossils new to this area; among these are Cretaceous isopods, which had not been known here although they are found in rocks thoroughly combed by generations of students and professors in this vicinity. He has interested himself in laboratory and preparation methods of vertebrate paleontology very early in his career and is thoroughly familiar with these techniques, excepting perhaps some minor specialized ones.

While it is too early to evaluate his future scientific productivity, I believe he has the determination, stability, and knowledge that is necessary, and I am confident that he will be productive in the future.

He is physically very strong and is not afraid of physical or mental work. He is orderly and has excellent working habits. Mentally and emotionally he is very stable. He is liked here by his professors and his former classmates and has a pleasant personality.

His appearance for many years was scrawny and ugly in spite of his physical strength. However, on his last visit from Chicago in fall 1951 I noted with pleasure a very great improvement in general appearance, which I would now class as personable.

Research Scientist V (Geology) and  
Professor of Geology

The University of Texas, Austin 12, Texas

February 16, 1952