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Mr. Morton B. Stephenson
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Dear Steve:

Dan Feray who has headed our Well Sample Library is leaving in the near future for a position at the University of Tulsa. This leaves open this rather important position in the Bureau of Economic Geology. I am wondering whether you would not be interested in this kind of work. The Well Sample Library is housed in a new, nice building on the Off-Campus Research Center of the University, which is the former magnesium plant north of Austin several miles out. There is a possibility of expanding the Well Sample Library if necessary into similar adjoining buildings. The material setup as far as space and office is concerned is very good. The Bureau has sufficient funds available to buy any scientific equipment that might be needed. The person in charge of the work has several clerks and other people under him to take care of the routine work of numbering, sacking, and storing the samples, so that his time is in part at least free for scientific work. I would judge that at least 50 percent of one's time could be used for purely scientific work in subsurface geology and paleontology. Also, as soon as the routine is established one could very well go on collecting on other field trips in Texas, for which the Bureau would furnish transportation and expenses. We now have enough automobiles that are well adapted to this kind of work.

In addition I think it is rather fortunate that both Mrs. Plummer and I are here with the Bureau so that a third person who would work on Tertiary stratigraphy in the subsurface could get excellent guidance from both of us. In short I believe that the place has great possibilities which have not yet been explored by anyone, and a person with some vision and energy could really do a considerable amount of scientific work and publish it.

If you are interested, why don't you come to Austin for a weekend and look around?

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Geologist

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