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Dr. H. B. Stenzel,
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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Since Mr. Bartlett's letter of May 11, we have had some further developments. The chief of our Stratigraphic Research Laboratory in Bogota, Mr. Tipsword, has asked for vacation to begin on July 1 and, has given hints that he may not wish to return.

I am planning to leave here on June 18 and see him in Bogota on June 29 before his departure to find out the reasons for his hesitation. Should this opening arise, I could hardly think of a better man than you to fill it.

Our Stratigraphic Research Laboratory, located in Bogota, at present consists of three men: Tipsword (senior), Taylor and Howard (juniors). It has the following four objectives:

- 1) To supply micropaleontological service for our drilling wells in Venezuela and Colombia.
- 2) To determine fossils the fieldmen collect in Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.
- 3) To study general stratigraphic and paleogeographic problems and to make long range correlations in north-western South America.
- 4) To educate young geologists in the art of tropical fieldwork.

Only objectives 1) and 2) are at present actually accomplished by our present organization. Purposes 3) and 4) are not being taken care of as yet.

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Should we employ you for this position, you could probably give us excellent service in regard to 2) and 3) and to a great extent to 4). To what extent you could expand the function of our Stratigraphic Research Laboratory into 4) would depend on the degree to which you could adapt yourself to the task of supervising tropical fieldwork by conducting frequent trips of short duration.

In regard to point 1), we are not sure to what extent your experience goes but, it is possible that one of our juniors could handle this phase under your guidance.

I will have a clearer picture about this after I have discussed the matter with Mr. Tipsword.

After reading this letter, it would be very helpful if you could give me your reaction before I go to South America. I also would like to know what is your minimum requirement for salary. For your guidance, I wish to call your attention to the following two facts:

1. A much smaller income tax in foreign countries than in the United States.
2. The Company is paying various allowances in addition to salary (\$200 in Bogota, about \$150 in Egypt at present) to compensate partly for higher cost of living, partly for low standard of living abroad. Although the living allowance does not intend to cover all living expenses, it does so to a large extent.

If you think your answer may not reach me here before my departure (June 18), I would suggest that you send a carbon copy for me directly to Bogota, marking it personal.

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Yours very truly,

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