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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

It was my intention to write or visit you long before this, but the time flew by and here it is March. I did pass through Austin about a week and a half ago on Saturday but had to leave without stopping because of a long journey ahead.

The job with Shell is fine so far. I've been on a surface mapping project with another fellow - working on Glen Rose and Fredericksburg. So far it has been all air photo and altimeter work in the field. The work day is hard - leave home at 7:30 AM and get home at 4:15. One day a week is spent in the office plotting data. All the men with Shell here are very friendly and nice - Fowler, Leslie, Smith, Rives, Guerrero. And the benefits are wonderful - Cheap life insurance, income protection, disability benefits, provident fund with Shell matching your dollars plus interest, they pay all moving costs and unused rent, Shell Credit Union pays 5.5% on savings and charges only about 1% on loans to members, cheap hospitalization, etc., etc.

The district geologist for Shell, Dr. P. T. Fowler, asked me to ask you if you would be interested in speaking to the South Texas Geol. Society on April 6 for about 45 minutes at a luncheon. The subject is up to you. He is program chairman for that date and needs a good speaker. He had several titles in mind for Shell employees but the bosses in Houston would not permit them. Should you be interested I suggest you contact Dr. Fowler about arrangements - his address is Shell Oil Co., 2005 Alamo National Bldg., San Antonio. That is my address, too, by the way.

I want to thank you for all your help in the past - it was your magic name that did the trick with Shell I'm sure. They realize there is more work in a Stenzel thesis than in two or three others.

The other day I received a ballot from the Gulf Coast Section of S. E. P. L. and noticed you had been nominated for president. I hope everyone votes the right way and makes you the first president. You are the logical one for this honor.

Perhaps I will be through Austin again in the near future and will be able to stop and visit.

Best regards,

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*answered March 4, 1954,*