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Dr. Carl Bowin  
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Dear Dr. Bowin:

Your letter of October 15, 1964 arrived in my absence. I was at the time on vacation in Boston and Philadelphia.

Bill Berggren showed up in Houston in Fall 1954 as a graduate student in Geology at the University of Houston. His master's thesis was done under my supervision. I have been able to keep in touch with him since then and have followed his development in later years.

At the University of Houston, he was the best graduate student as concerns previous academic preparation, interest in his work, and capability. He had unflagging interest in all phases of geology and paleontology. His capacity for work was, and probably still is, exceedingly great. Aside from attending his classes he also worked as a technician for Shell Development Company and taught night classes at the University as an assistant in order to support himself and his family. Nevertheless, his master's thesis is a good one, and his grades were very good.

A very good measure of his scientific ability is the fact that he has to his credit some publications finished before he obtained his Ph.D. in Sweden. His publication record as a whole is excellent. My micropaleontologist friends think highly of his various papers on Foraminifera.

Here in Houston he was well liked by his costudents, and he has kept up these friendships through the years. His personality and personal relationships with others are good.

His most outstanding characteristic is his enormous energy and capacity for work, which is the true basis of his various successes. As long as it will last, and there is no reason to assume that it won't last quite a long time, he will continue to be highly successful. Contrary to

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many other individuals of this day and age he is not afraid of work. I believe he will be a very productive scientist at Woods Hole and I recommend him wholeheartedly.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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P.S. Please give my best regards to Dr. Galtsoff and Dr. Hanks.

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