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Dear Dr. Stenzel:-

Today's paper carried an item which stated that an extensive survey of the underground water supply of Texas was to be conducted in the near future by the state planning board, the board of water engineers, and the federal government. The item added that key men were to be furnished by the government but that technicians would be secured from the state and that the set-up would be of a permanent nature.

Can you give me any information regarding this survey and the possibilities of my getting in on it? Who and what are the board of water engineers? Does that come under the Bureau of Economic Geology?

I thank you again for your kindness in supplying me with so much information regarding the mineral resources survey and I am truly sorry that I couldn't go in on it last six months employment was much too temporary for a married man. I am still looking for a job of some kind in geology, wherever.

Thank you for whatever information you might send me.

Very truly yours  
E. J. Smith, Jr.