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Teagle Foundation, Incorporated  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
Room 1539  
New York 20, New York

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to recommend Mr. Joe Scates, an employee of Humble Oil and Refining Company in Lafayette, Louisiana. Mr. Scates has applied for support to continue his education.

Mr. Scates has been known to me since 1955, when he became a graduate student in the Geology Department of the University of Houston, where I was department chairman at that time. Since he became an employee of Humble Oil and Refining Company, he has kept up with me and visited me regularly.

Mr. Scates is a remarkable young man in several ways. In spite of financial difficulties he has never given up his desire to continue his education. Considering that he has secure employment and is doing well in his present position, this desire of his is a good sign and speaks well for his outlook.

Mr. Scates is a reliable person who does not shirk his responsibilities. I was always impressed by his character qualifications. They are very much better than those of the general run of graduate students I have known at the University of Texas and University of Houston. He has a pleasing personality and gets along well with other people.

In my classes he made a good record. He was an alert and intelligent student, who did his work and his studying quietly, orderly, and efficiently. He will be well able to keep up scholastically and to pursue his studies to a final degree. His exceptionally good and clean habits of work will carry him very far in the future.

I recommend Joe Scates very warmly and am convinced he will stay with his plans for an education and see them through to completion in his own quiet and competent way.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if you wish any other information.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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