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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter and to contemplate the possibility of your working in northern South America. We have numerous interesting problems which have barely been attacked. A man with your ability and experience would certainly find a fertile field in which to carry on stratigraphic and paleontological studies.

I have made some inquiries from people here who have recently lived in Bogotá, Colombia and they state that there is a good Anglo-American school in Urbanización, Chapinero. This school has Anglo-American teachers and includes grades from primary to second-year high school. You can get very nice houses in Chapinero, I understand, and since cessation of hostilities in Europe, there should be a number of houses available because of some of the Europeans returning to their homeland.

The cost of living should run you between 600 and 700 pesos per month. The exchange on the Colombian peso is 57 cents American, so you should consider carefully the living allowance.

Bogotá has an elevation between 8500' and 9000' and has a very damp, chilly climate. You should bring plenty of cold weather clothing for life there.

Bill Humphrey and family left here the first of February. He was transferred to the Ultramar Company, half Texas and half Socony with headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I hear that he has been on an extended expedition in western Argentina, carrying on quite a large reconnaissance project along the Andean foothills. He has been there about long enough, though, and is wanting to transfer to some other area, because he figures he has the main problems figured out after a few months studying and reconnaissance.

Hoping that you and the family can see fit to move into this South American province, I remain,

Yours very truly,

