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Dear Brick:

This letter will probably not get into your hands until you return from your trip. But anyhow I wish to thank you for your help in obtaining information on the museum opening. The man is completely unknown to me and could not be found in American Men of Science.

Dr. Sawin had asked Sellards about the position, and Sellards merely gave him evasive and obscure answers. Sellards must have known all about the appointment at the time Sawin talked to him, so it seems he just deliberately answered evasively.

Your information helped getting Sawin off the hook so to say and was greatly appreciated by him. He wants me to transmit his thank to you.

Lozo said the University of Texas is making some good progress on the matter of the Adkins collection and library. I hope they stay in Austin and are well taken care of.

The last of my graduate students is coming through with his thesis now. Soon I will have nothing to do with the University of Houston. Sawin is leaving on August 9. After that date the blinds could be pulled down at U. H. for several years. The university has not been able to find a graduate dean so far.

It takes a good bit of time to organize my office and lab. Furniture keeps coming in, though some of it rather slowly. The lay-out is going to be quite handy and the office looks nice.

I spend from about 8AM to 4:15PM at the office, eat my lunch there and rest on the office couch. So I work about $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours each day and am proud of it.

About your exploration proposals, landmen fall for the same trappings that young ladies fall for. Did you ever give a lady a box of candy that was not nicely wrapped up? The wrappings are often more important from a sales point of view than the contents.

So yours for better wrappings

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel