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My dear H. B.:

Your letter of January 6th caught me quite unprepared, and I wish to thank you kindly for your consideration. Possibly we should proceed cautiously in this matter. I am on my eighth year here at Minnesota; the weather is terrible. The University of Minnesota is a really fine institution, but Geology has gone down. I have been working very hard to try to bring up at least my end, but it is difficult and complicated by many factors.


I am a Professor up here at \$8,000 for the academic year of 9 months. This is a first consideration, does the salary scare you out. You can hire a lot of younger and maybe better men than I for less money. If you feel that Houston University will consider a person in my salary bracket, we can continue.

A second big problem, is that I shall not be available in September. We have the GSA coming to Minneapolis in November; I cannot leave and let the people here hold the bag. I must stay and try to do my best to make the GSA a success, so that the Department does not show up too badly. I could be available for Jan. 1, 1957 or if you are on the semester system for the beginning of your second semester. Regardless of what you may have heard, I am a person who must do the right thing. If you hire me, I should continue to do the same by you.

There are many other questions, but they are not so important. Please think out the two problems above, and I shall be pleased to hear from you. If you are still interested, let me then send you a resume of my experience, writings, etc. for you to present to the higher level, and then we can proceed further.

Regardless of how this works out, I am obliged to you, and am pleased that you should think enough of me to write. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



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