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Professor H.B. Stenzel, Chairman,  
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Dear Professor Stenzel,

I have your letter of 16th January regarding the character, personality, and ability of Mr. Kurt Servos, now at Yale University. It is over a year since I last saw Kurt, so my comments are necessarily based upon my acquaintance with him at that time.

I regard him as a quiet, sincere, ambitious geologist, of good, dependable character, capable of doing much for a geology department if provided with the necessary facilities and time.

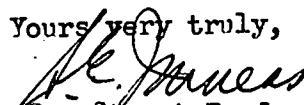
He is a friendly person, getting along excellently with both faculty and fellow graduate students, and also with the students he has instructed the past few years. His endeavours to assist those students who find geology difficult to understand have endeared him to more than one student in the past, and I have personally seen him go out of his way, with utmost patience, to explain and re-explain questionable items during class discussions. He also gets along well with his professors and employers.

There is no question of his ability, or he would not have been able to stay on at Yale for three years. However, I might add that my own personal opinion is that Kurt has greater ability than he is generally credited with, partly as a result of a very good educational background.

As regards his capabilities from the professorial point of view, speaking as one who has taught several years at American universities myself, I regard Kurt as very good teacher material. I base my opinion on several factors, including his genuine interest in teaching, his sincere desire to make his lectures as interesting as possible, his friendliness with the students under his guidance, his fairness towards them in judging their capabilities, and the pains to which he will go to be sure of his subject matter before presentation. Houston would indeed be fortunate to obtain the services of one as capable as Kurt. It might not be too easy to keep him at Houston, however.

I hope that the above remarks will be treated confidentially.

Yours very truly,

  
Dr. Stuart E. Jenness.

