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Dr. Arthur A. Baker
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Dear Dr. Baker:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1961. I can see and understand your position in this matter very well.

However, the situation is perhaps not quite as simple. Members of your organization would probably remember the contributions that I have made to publications of the U. S. Geological Survey. The Professional Paper 242 is a case in point. Although some university professors have been on part-time employment with the U. S. Geological Survey, I was not; and this and other contributions were made free of charge, of course. Were one to calculate their value in salary for the time spent on them, they would no doubt exceed the prices of the publications requested. I am of the opinion that my present temporary connection as an independent consultant, not an employee, of an oil company has little to do with the problem.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel