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Dear Sam:

Dean Daniels has today authorized me to start negotiations with you. So are you willing to become a professor here and under what conditions?

You know the place personally, you know Houston, and you know Texas. I don't have to go into detail on these subjects. But let me tell you about some other items here.

The students have improved markedly here in the last year, and the new steps we are taking will result in further advances. We are introducing next fall an elementary course in geology for non-science and non-engineering majors. This new course will let us concentrate more heavily on the beginning geology courses for geologists and petroleum engineers; these courses can be made tougher and more thorough so that we can eliminate the unfit at an early stage. There will be no easy loopholes in the geology curriculum beginning with next fall, we hope.

Our graduate students have been cleaned up very much, and we now are more careful in admitting new students. The last group turned out to be very good. In short, I think we are starting to attract good students.

Equipment is being purchased at a good rate; we are getting a fully equipped petrographic research microscope with monochromatic light, universal stage, and Chayes counter. Student microscopes have all been repaired at the factory and one new one was bought. The rate at which we get equipment is as fast as we can develop our staff to use it.

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Our first publication has come out in "Geophysics", last issue; you might look it up. Summer research is going to be pushed as before. Greenwood will probably have one paper ready this year. I think we can get support for mineral-chemistry or rock-analysis from the Welch foundation.

The staff continues to improve. The newest acquisition is Dr. Van Sicle, Ph. D. from Princeton highest honors, who is to teach Reservoir Geology at night. He is with Pan American Oil Co. He seems to be a brilliant man. All three new part-time staff members, Wilson, Farrington, and Van Sicle are really tops.

The field of petrography of sediments is wide open for you.

We are now fighting for a new Geology Building, we have a good chance. I have been called in by the Vice-President and the President to discuss this proposition.

Any questions you may have I shall be glad to answer.

Best wishes for a GOOD 1956!

Yours sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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