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CHICAGO, Dec. 18/06

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Dear Mr. Jordan:

Mr. Minkley has been here only one Quarter - taking only a $\frac{1}{2}$ day in Gas Analysis under me and taking Inorganic Preparations under Dr. Jones. The latter tells me he is doing rather poor work, messy, and that he does not know up what he is doing. He is otherwise self-reliant, and ambitious and does not shrink any work. His work in Gas Analysis was rather good.

There is a second man here looking for a similar position, a Mr. Hansen, whom we can recommend much more emphatically. He is real, self-reliant and thorough, and would seek work rather than avoid it. I think he would be capable of initiation in research problems.

Yours truly,
Julius Stieglitz

Jan. 10th, 1907

Prof. Julius Stieglitz,
Chemical Laboratory, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In your letter last month you referred to a Mr. Hanson whom you recommended for an analyst at this Station. I would like to hear farther about his qualifications. I am pleased to note what you say about the reliability of his work, his neatness and thoroughness. I would like to hear also whether he has knowledge of the German language so that he can use German literature in working up methods of analysis or ⁱⁿ studying up any particular subject. Is he ingenious and apt in laboratory manipulations. I would be pleased to have you speak to Mr. Hanson and have him write personally about his College preparation and his experience in chemical, and in general agricultural lines outside of school. *If he could let us know what salary would be acceptable, it might facilitate an early decision.*

Hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you in advance for the information you may give, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Director and Chemist.

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Logan, Utah, Jan. 21, '07.

Pres. W. J. Kerr,

Agricultural College of Utah.

Dear Sir:

After investigating a number of possible candidates for the position of assistant chemist I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Arthur W. Hansen of 5490 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a student of the University of Chicago, is the best available man who very fully supplies the qualifications which we are seeking. I hand you herewith the correspondence which I have relative to this man. His name was suggested to us, as you will see by the accompanying letter, by Professor Julius Stieglitz who I know is conservative in his recommendations of students. His chemical training certainly is very good, having graduated from a college course and done considerable post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. That he is able to read German and make use of the literature that is so much needed in the chemical work, he thereby fulfills ^{also this} every requirement which practically every other candidate in the field could not do. What salary would bring him here he does not definitely state, but I would think at the rate of ⁸⁴⁰~~1000~~ a year would be a low enough initial salary to offer him. I think the work in the Department might admit of his finishing all or the greater part of this quarter's work at the University of Chicago before

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coming, unless it develops that we need him at once to help in instructional work. Whether he would care to engage in instructional work I have not inquired and I can, therefore, not tell.

Among other candidates of whom I thought quite favorably is a Mr. E. R. Hamilton, Pekin, Indiana, who was a junior at Indiana University; Mr. John F. Lyman, Yale University, a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, a post-graduate student at Ohio University, and more recently at Yale, but he is not available before the end of the school year; Mr. H. S. Hammond, Experiment Station, Kingston, Rhode Island, who has had good training in England, at Guelph Canada, and in practical lines in the United States. He would probably come ^{for a} ~~upon~~ consideration of \$1200.

Among these men I consider that for the position we now have to offer as analyst, Mr. Hansen is the most suitable candidate.

If the Board meets and it is deemed advisable to take action before I return Mr. Hansen may be reached at the address above given.

Very respectfully yours,

P. A. Yoder

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Dear Sir:

In case it is decided to transfer Professor Stewart to the work in Agronomy I suggest that we try and arrange for the work this year without necessarily engaging his successor at once. Possibly Mr. Stewart could continue meeting one of his classes in recitation and the laboratory classes, and Mr. Porter his other class in recitation. Possibly also the new Station Assistant, after he gets here, could temporarily help out in the instructional work. For his permanent successor I should like to take time to look around more fully for a man of high qualifications, some one who has taken his Doctorate in some university of high standing. However, I shall prefer not to decide this until we have had time to consider farther the qualifications of the assistants already engaged, or to be engaged for the subordinate position.

Might it be feasible in case you do not feel satisfied at this time to make Professor Stewart Agronomist to assign him the work temporarily as acting agronomist?

Very respectfully yours,

P. A. Yoder

Director.