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Forest Botanist of F.A.O.
C/O Department of Forests
Amman - Jordan

10. January. 1956

Dr. John Pelton
Professor of Botany
Department of Botany
Butler University
Indianapolis, Ind.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Pelton,

I heard of an opening in your Department from Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Mason of the University of California. I am interested in having a teaching position in your Department. Enclosed I am sending you my personal data, qualifications, list of publications, references etc.

As it will be noticed from my life history, I obtained my Ph.D. in Botany from the University of California, Berkeley in 1950. Then I returned to Turkey and started teaching at the University of Ankara where I also obtained a further degree so-called "Habilitation". I accepted a position from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as a Forest Botanist and Ecologist in 1954. I was sent to Jordan by F.A.O. under an agreement of a technical assistance to advise the Jordan Government in an ecological survey of the forest and grazing lands of this country. My contract of one year was extended for another year by F.A.O. for the preparation of the vegetation maps of Jordan. I expect to close up my F.A.O. assignment toward the end of next summer and then I am intending to return to the academic career again.

I have teaching experience in General Botany, Plant Anatomy, Morphology of Vascular Plants, Taxonomy of Flowering Plants and I would like to teach these courses preferably and do research in these fields of Botany as well. However I can also teach Plant Ecology, Dendrology, Botanical Microtechnique and the elementary courses in Cryptogamic Botany, Plant Physiology and Cytology.

If there is a possibility of getting a teaching position as a staff member in your department, kindly inform me the terms and conditions. In this instance I also would be obliged to receive the bulletin of the Butler University from which I may obtain the general informations regarding the University and the Botany Department in particular.

You may inquire further informations about my training background or personality through "Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Mason, Director of Herbarium, Botany Dept. of the University of California, Berkeley, Calif." or "Prof. L. Constance, Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences of the University of California, Berkeley, Calif.". Additional references, however, are given in the attached list.

I shall be glad to send you the photostatic copies of my credentials if you desire. While hoping to hear from you, I remain

sincerely yours,

Baki Kasapligil

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January 21, 1956

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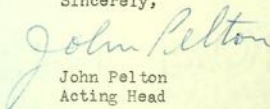
Dear Dr. Kasapligil:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the opening here at Butler University.

The position we are trying to fill is that of Departmental Chairman, as a result of the untimely death of Dr. Potzger.

Our Dean, however, wishes to obtain an older person, preferably in his forties or early fifties, with some administrative experience and a research reputation primarily in plant taxonomy. There is always the possibility that a younger man will eventually be selected if these requirements cannot be met. I have therefore given your letter to the Dean (Paul A. Cundiff) for his consideration, since it is he who will make the decision on whom to bring in.

Sincerely,


John Pelton
Acting Head

Febr. 3, 1956

Amman-Jordan

Dr. John Pelton

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Dear Dr. Pelton,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 21, 1956. I understand there is still a possibility to be selected as a staff member in your Department although I may be considered too young for the chairmanship. Plant Taxonomy is one of my major interest in botanical field and I have previous experience as herbarium botanist. Therefore I would be glad to teach elementary or advanced courses in Taxonomy.

I thank you for handing over my papers to Dean Gundiff for his consideration. Unfortunately I didn't have a photo to attach to my application, when I wrote to you last time. Enclosed I am sending you a recent picture of mine to be kindly added to my application. Thank you.

Hoping to hear the decision in due course, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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