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THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Office of the President

November 3, 1961

Professor W. Winfield Ray, Chairman
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Professor Ray:

I am sending this letter out to about sixty people by mimeograph only to save us some money in stenographic service, for what I want to request is deserving of the attention you might give to a more personal letter.

Dr. Hiden Cox, Executive Director of AIBS passed on a request from Dr. Sonneborn, President of AIBS, for a list of botanists who might be interested in serving on committees of AIBS.

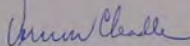
Botanists have frequently criticised individuals or agencies for not having given botanists a reasonable share in making decisions vitally affecting the welfare of botany.

On the other hand, we have been criticised for not taking a more positive part when we have had an opportunity of sharing in the making of decisions.

So now I think we should be happy to assemble the names of individuals who would be willing to take part in planning. Would you help me by naming three people in your field of specialization whose judgment you respect and who you think would serve on AIBS committees if requested? You might try for some variation in ages among the individuals you suggest: say one in his mid-fifties or beyond and the others from thirty to fifty or thereabouts. Do not be concerned about the possibility of naming individuals to whom I may have sent this memorandum.

I would like to send the list by the end of November, so I would appreciate a reply as soon as you have had an opportunity to give serious thought to your choices.

Sincerely yours,



Vernon I. Cheadle
Botany Department
University of California, Davis

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November 7, 1961

Dr. Vernon I. Cheadle
Botany Department
University of California
Davis,
California

Dear Dr. Cheadle:

In response to your letter concerning men in my field who might well serve on committees of AIBS, I am happy to offer some suggestions. They are as follows:

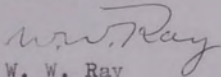
Dr. C. J. Alexopoulos, State University
of Iowa, Iowa City.

Dr. Clark T. Rogersen, New York Botanical
Garden, Bronx Park, New York 58.

Dr. Melvin S. Fuller, Brown University
Providence 12, R. 2.

Although there are many others that should be suitable, the three named are outstanding men in their fields and have personalities and backgrounds that make them good committeemen.

Sincerely,



W. W. Ray
Chairman

WWR:cg

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

January 27, 1956

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray and Family:

Thank you very much for the encouraging letter regarding our first try in getting out a departmental letter. So far we have had replies from more than 60 former grads.

It is fine that you can take a trip, and I am sure that it will be both enjoyable and profitable.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Charles Chupp

Charles Chupp

CC:MB
#3801

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Botany School, Downing Street
Cambridge
TELEPHONE 58304

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Dear Dr. Ray,

Thank you for your
kind letter of 18th December.

I am sending you the reprint
which you ask and one or two others.

Plus, my earlier reprints on
P. Sybren were lost in Singapore
during the war.

Dr. Smilli (Univ. of Michigan)
has a student, Chester Leathers, who

is taking up the N. American
"clavatus". There is still a
lot of confusion over Coker's
species of Ramaria, which I
hope he will clear up.

Alas, I have no copy left
of Addenda Clavariacea II.

I have long been interested in
Jung. ^{since I was 15 - but the}
text. books have little regard for
Jung's ~~own~~ construction!

Yours sincerely
L. J. H. Corner
[Corner]?

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

~~Production and Marketing Administration~~

~~WASHINGTON, D. C.~~

Agricultural Marketing Service

Quality Maintenance and
Improvement Section

Beltsville, Maryland

June 2, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray
Botany Department
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

Dr. Paul R. Harding has given your name as a reference on his Civil Service application for a position in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. We are considering him for a position in this Section at Beltsville and would like to have further information before we write to him.

We would appreciate your evaluation of Dr. Harding's research ability, his initiative, physical condition and ability to get along with fellow workers and the public. We would also like to know how well he can express himself verbally and in writing. Any other information regarding Dr. Harding that you think we would be interested in will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Harold T. Cook

Harold T. Cook
Principal Pathologist

HTC:hs

WASHINGTON 25000X

Beltsville, Maryland

HTC:hs



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
DIRECTOR

ROBERT A. TAFT SANITARY ENGINEERING CENTER
4876 COLUMBIA PARKWAY
CINCINNATI 26, OHIO

October 21, 1955

Dr. W. W. Ray
Chairman, Department of Botany
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I was glad to have had the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with you at the Foray. In spite of the weather, the list of species we obtained may be a good one. I trust you will include the material you obtained in a list for Dr. Lowe even though you collected it for class use. The Foray list does not need to be based entirely on material destined for storage in herbaria.

I have done a good job on lousing up nomenclature in Popularia, especially in the second of the Western Fungi series. I do not have it in culture. I have seen it only from the isolations I made one spring at Pullman.

As soon as opportunity presents itself, I shall subculture Allescheria for you. Would you be interested in more than one isolate or strain? Roy Cain will transfer this species to Thielavia since the genus Allescheria is a doubtful thing and the insertion of A. boydii in it was only a sort of hunt and peck proposition with Shear when he did it.

Very truly yours,

Wm Bridge Cooke

Wm. Bridge Cooke, In Charge
Fungus Studies
WS & WPC Research

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
AND
PLANT PATHOLOGY

December 16, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

This station is interested in Merion bluegrass in connection with a rather extensive turf and pasture program. I have been concerned because of its high susceptibility to stem rust, apparently throughout its range of cultivation. Your report of leaf rust in epidemic proportion interests me. If you saved material can you send me a bit? We have never encountered P. rubigo-vera or P. poae-sudeticae causing real damage to Merion.

Very truly yours,

George B. Cummins

George B. Cummins
Associate Botanist

GBC:MBD

THE STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

January 8, 1952

Dr. W. W. Ray, Chairman
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I appreciate your giving our students consideration in looking for someone to replace Dr. Weaver, but I am sorry to say that my only graduate this year who is interested in teaching has already been selected to replace Dr. Cooper at the University of Minnesota.

I trust that you will find a capable person to carry on the excellent work that Dr. Weaver has so long been turning out at the University of Nebraska. If you are not successful this year, we have several good students who will be looking for places a year from now.

Sincerely,

R. Daubenmire

R. Daubenmire
Professor

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY

March 24, 1954

LEXINGTON 29, KY.

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am sending you a culture of Thielaviopsis basicola. You probably can pick up local isolates of Thielaviopsis from garden soil, if you want them, by using Yarwood's carrot-disc method. (*Mycologia* 38:346. 1946). We do not see Thielavia very often and do not have cultures.

I shall be glad to send you naturally infected tobacco roots this summer, if it will not be too late to be of use to you.

Dr. George Lucas, of North Carolina State College at Raleigh, has worked with these fungi and may have cultures.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Diachun

Steve Diachun
Plant Pathologist

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, SOILS, AND
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

DIVISION OF
MYCOLOGY AND DISEASE SURVEY

August 14, 1951

PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

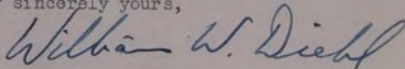
Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am very grateful for your sending me the specimen of Balansia
epichloe with your letter of August 8.

This, as far as my records go, is an extension of range both as to host and area. It is, however, of special interest to me because some years ago I devoted considerable time to searching for this fungus in Eastern United States on various species of Sporobolus. I have never had an opportunity since my interest was aroused in Balansiae to look for them west of the Mississippi. I am definitely of the opinion, however, that they are much more common and more widespread in the United States than my limited records indicate because they are usually very difficult to see and are generally ignored until one has once spotted a few of them after which he may be said to have a practised eye. I suspect that henceforth you will find other specimens. When you do I shall be grateful for duplicates.

Very sincerely yours,



William W. Diehl
Mycologist

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, SOILS, AND
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

DIVISION OF
MYCOLOGY AND DISEASE SURVEY

PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

October 1, 1953

Professor W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Professor Ray:

As a participant in the recent Madison Foray of the Mycological Society of America, you will by now, I trust, have made at least a preliminary examination of the specimens gleaned from the three localities visited on September 4 and 5. Following the laudable custom of former Forays it is my present duty as retiring Vice President to ask you to let me know the names of the species that you found in order to submit a complete report of the Foray for the records of the Society.

Although comparable lists of most former Forays have been published in *Mycologia* it now appears that the Editor will not be able to accept a list of the size anticipated because of the present competition with the great number of manuscripts on hand. It is anticipated, nevertheless, that *Mycologia* will publish a short report of the Foray noting any rarities or species of special interest that were found. I am led to believe, however, that the complete list will be acceptable for publication in the News Letter.

For this list I am, therefore, asking you to send me your findings noting also distinguishing data with respect to substrate and locality. You will remember that the localities were as follows:

No. 1 was the lakeside at Devil's Lake State Park, Sank Co.
(morning of September 4);

No. 2 was Palfrey's Glen in Devil's Lake State Park, Sank Co.
(afternoon of September 4);

No. 3 was the University of Wisconsin Arboretum (September 5).

Mr. H. C. Greene, to whom we are all indebted for the smooth operation of the Foray, is especially interested in obtaining records of all findings in the Arboretum for which his present records are meagre. I shall, of course, furnish him with a special copy of your report from that area.

I shall, indeed, be very grateful for a complete report of your findings.

Very sincerely yours,

William W. Diehl
William W. Diehl

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

November 2, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for your good letter of October 26. Under separate cover we have sent off today haploid and diploid cultures of Allomyces macrogynus (Burma 1Da). They are a little messy because we had to make transfers from them, but I think they will provide material for subculturing both phases of the life cycle.

We have demonstrated gamete emergence and syngamy to large freshman classes here very successfully for quite a number of years. I don't think there is anything technically difficult about it at all, but like any other organism it takes a little practice and time to become familiar with the behavior. In writing the enclosed directions I have tried to cover as simply as possible all the essential points about culturing and handling the material for class purposes. That it is not quite so easy as it seems is apparent from the fact that I get repeated calls for new cultures every year. These I am glad to respond to, so please let me know if the material I have sent misbehaves or you need additional slants. I hope it does well for you.

With kindest regards to John and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Emerson
Ralph Emerson
Professor of Botany

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Enclosure

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

September 15, 1955

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you so very much for your good letter about Mel Fuller. I was particularly glad to hear from you for two reasons: (1) I was not certain under what circumstances he was leaving Nebraska and (2) I wanted to be assured that he would be able to handle the job here. On both counts I am now very pleased. I am especially glad to know that he leaves with your endorsement and good will. The Dean's office is putting up the usual yardage of red tape but I am hopeful we can cut through it all fairly rapidly. The whole deal now depends upon the quality of Mel's transcripts which should reach us tomorrow. Please tell him not to be disturbed if he hears nothing further from me for a few days while we work out the formalities. I'll wire just as soon as I get the necessary assurances from the Graduate Division.

Your time was probably better spent at the Foray than at the meetings although it seemed to me the quality of papers was better than usual this year. I'm sorry I didn't have a chat with you there.

My thanks again and all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Emerson

Ralph Emerson
Professor of Botany

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

DIVISION OF BOTANY
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

April 25, 1951

Professor W.W. Ray,
Department of Botany,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln 8 Nebr.

Dear Professor Ray:

Professor Voth has informed me that you have accepted the membership on the Placement Committee of our Society. In behalf of the Society, I wish to thank you for your willingness to do this important service. Please regard this letter as your official appointment on the Placement Committee of the Botanical Society of America.

For your information the attached page lists the full membership of the committee.

Yours very sincerely,

Katherine Esau

President
Botanical Society of America

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
SOUTHERN UTILIZATION RESEARCH BRANCH

P. O. Box 5578
Raleigh, North Carolina

February 11, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray, Mycologist
Department of Botany
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

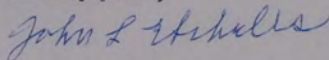
Dear Dr. Ray:

This is in reply to your letter of January 13. I was out of the city when your letter was received and thus an answer has been delayed.

We shall be glad to send you a reprint of our article which appeared in Farlowia as soon as we receive them. They are being covered now and we expect to have them within the next week or so.

If you will write Dr. L. J. Wickerham, Northern Utilization Research Branch, USDA, 825 North University Street, Peoria 5, Illinois, I think he will be able to furnish you the culture which you requested.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Etchells, In Charge
Food Fermentation Laboratory

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

STILLWATER

BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY

May 6, 1959

Dr. W. W. Ray
Botany Department
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

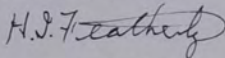
Dear Win:

I have a student who is coming to Nebraska on a fellowship or assistantship or something next fall and he would like to have some part-time work, or he could work full time this summer. His name is Said A. Assaf. He comes from Jordan. He is an excellent student, full of vim and vigor, and is quite a leader. If you can take care of him any way in helping him find something to do, I would appreciate it.

How are all the family? I suppose they have settled down now since returning from Turkey.

Mrs. Featherly is awfully poorly and I am quite apprehensive about her health. She has a degenerative arthritis for which there is no known remedy. Son is an attorney in Oklahoma City now. He is married and we have a grandson about twenty-two months old. We think he is the only one of his kind in the world.

Sincerely yours,



H. I. Featherly
Professor

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Madison 6

DEPARTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGY

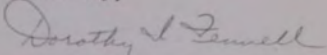
May 9, 1962

Professor W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Professor Ray:

I have examined current cultures of the soil isolate #Fes 20; x, -4a₃ which you sent to Dr. K. B. Raper for identification more than a year ago. Since these plates show no Penicillium, I feel that your isolate must have been replaced during the transfers made in this laboratory since the culture was received. Attempts to get subcultures from your original tube have been unsuccessful. If you are still interested in having this isolate identified, please send us another transfer.

Sincerely,



Dorothy I. Fennell

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Madison 6

DEPARTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGY

July 3, 1962

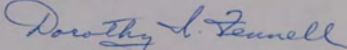
Professor W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Professor Ray:

Under separate cover we are sending transfers of
the following Acrasiales in response to your request
of June 1:

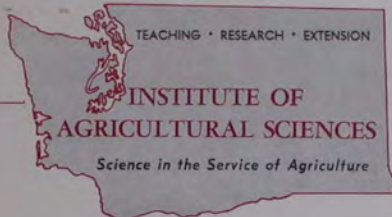
S-2 - Dictyostelium mucoroides
NC-14 - " discoideum
WS-320 - Polysphondylium pallidum

Sincerely,



Dorothy I. Fennell

DIF:as



STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

September 14, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray, Mycologists
Department of Plant Pathology
Agricultural Experiment Station
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I note with interest your report of Ustilago bullata on Hordeum pusillum in Lincoln, Nebraska, as reported in the August 15 issue of Plant Disease Reporter.

If you can supply them, I should be grateful to receive specimens of this smut on Hordeum pusillum and also some seeds of the latter. I have reason to suspect that this may be a new and as yet unidentified race of Ustilago bullata, but have lacked both fresh material (1951 is comparatively fresh) and also seed of the host plant.

Also, next season, if it is convenient for you to do so, I should appreciate it if you would collect for me enough of Ustilago bullata on Hordeum pusillum from Nebraska to be included in Century IV of the exsiccati series "Graminicolous Smuts of North America". I would need enough material to comprise at least two or three heads for each of 15 packets. I would appreciate similar collections of any other grass and cereal smuts you can obtain for me from Nebraska in sufficient quantities to be used in the exsiccati series. Full credit is always given on the packets for the collector and/or person making the determination.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Fischer

George W. Fischer
Department Chairman

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WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

December 2, 1963

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

This is merely to advise that your letter of October 18 requesting a copy of our hybridization paper that was published in the September-October issue of Mycologia has not been forgotten. We simply have not yet received the reprints. As soon as they arrive, we shall forward your copy.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Fischer
George W. Fischer, Dean

GWF:F

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

203 NATURAL HISTORY BLDG.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

January 13, 1956

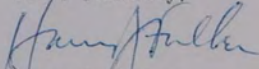
Dear Professor Ray:

Thank you for the checks for membership dues of Robert W. Embree and of Carlos Gowin in the Botanical Society of America. Would you kindly ask these gentlemen to fill out the enclosed forms and return them to me? When I receive these forms, I shall process their checks and notify the Secretary and the Business Manager of Amer. Jour. Bot. to add their names to our mailing lists.

Since I am leaving here on February 6th to be gone for six months on sabbatical leave, I should be most appreciative of immediate attention to this matter.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,



Harry J. Fuller
Treasurer

Yale University *New Haven, Connecticut*

Department of Biology

Josiah Willard Gibbs Research Laboratories

March 29, 1965.

Professor W. W. Ray, Chairman
Department of Botany
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Professor Ray:

Thank you very much for your letter of
testimonial for Murray Duysen. I will certainly
consider his qualifications carefully in making a
recommendation to the department for filling the
post I described.

Sincerely,

Arthur W. Galston

Arthur W. Galston
Professor of Plant Physiology

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Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

February 15, 1955

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

Dr. W. W. Ray,
Dept. of Botany,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am writing in favor of Theodore M. Barkley, who is applying for an assistantship in the Department of Botany at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Barkley is graduating here at Kansas State next May. He has had courses in Taxonomy, Ecology, and Paleobotany and has taken a special problem in a study of the phylogeny of flowering plant families.

Mr. Barkley is not only a fine young gentleman from every standpoint, but he is intelligent, responsible, adaptable, with good initiative, all in all a credit to any department and most worthy of favorable consideration for any position he is interested in. It is seldom we have a student whom we can recommend so highly.

Very truly yours,

FCGates

F. C. Gates
Prof. of Taxonomy & Ecology

FCG:NEJ

Gates died shortly after this date
Ray

The Mycological Society of America

Founded December, 1931

December 28, 1951

Office of the President

Botany Hall
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

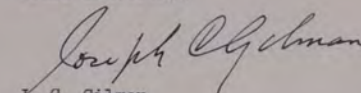
Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for your comments on my letter to Dr. Gerard. I agree with your opinions on the points in question. I am sure we should program our meetings with the A.I.B.S. but I would like to see a little better coordination between the two programs. At Minneapolis, for instance, the Mycol. Soc. program started the morning meetings at 9:00 and the A.I.B.S. started the same meetings at 9:30. I don't know where the slip occurred, but it was a bit disconcerting to the chairmen involved.

As to the placement committees I expect that the more places that listings of openings and candidates appear the better. What I fear is that the A.I.B.S., being larger and also richer, will, once it is established, come back at the societies with the logical argument that since they are covering the field there is no need for the society's listings and thus the societies can save money and energy by letting the A.I.B.S. do the job. This is the technique of the camel and the tent and I sense that the A.I.B.S. is operating along those lines. That being the case the alternatives are but two; give up in the beginning or not let it get started. It would be fine if we can work together for the good of both but too often the stronger absorbs the weaker in this world.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,


J. C. Gilman
President

JCG:rab

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

January 23, 1963

Dear Professor Ray:

I have your letter of December 20 concerning the vacancy for a plant physiologist on your staff. Your letter came at Christmas time when we were not only short of help in the office but I had the A.A.A.S. meetings in town, and the President was out of the country, which meant that I also carried the leadership of the University.

I do not know if you could persuade Peter Ray to move from the University of Michigan, but he is one of the most brilliant and outstanding young physiologists in the country. Years ago we tried to move him from Michigan to Pennsylvania as assistant professor without success. There is no doubt in my mind that he is qualified for an associate professorship, and might well be ready for full professorship. Peter Ray has worked in several fields. Initially, as an undergraduate, he did very nice work in taxonomy which resulted in two papers. Among other problems he has been interested in are anthocyanin formations, water relations and problems of growth and differentiation.

Dr. James S. Craigie (National Research Council of Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia) is a young man who spent one graduate year in my laboratory while on leave from the University of Queens, Kingston, Ontario. Craigie is an exceptionally able young plant physiologist with high technical competence and with good theoretical insight. He took his degree with Dr. Gleb Krotkov, then had a year in England and now holds a position with the Canadian government. I understand from Dr. Erickson that Craigie is prepared to leave his Canadian job. His field is not water relations but he would be certainly competent to teach in that area. We offered him a position when he returned from England but he had a moral commitment to serve two years in Canada, a commitment which he has now fulfilled. His name is now being informally considered for an appointment at Pennsylvania; however, he is a free agent.

A third man whom I think you might seriously consider, even though he does not meet your formal requirements is Maimon Nassiter, currently assistant professor at Brown.

January 23, 1963

Nassiter had his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago and took his Ph.D. with Professor Erickson and myself at Pennsylvania. He worked in the summers with Herbert Stern, then at London, Ontario. He has had two post-doctoral years before going to Brown, one with Braschet in Belgium, and the second with Herbert Stern in Illinois. Nassiter's field of research centers around cell physiology and the factors involved in cell division. He is excellent with students, particularly with small groups in the laboratory in independent research, whether graduate or undergraduate. He has a keen and original mind and is a creative and imaginative person. He would not be the showman before the class that Peter Ray would, and perhaps not the equivalent of Craigie as a lecturer, but in the long run he may surpass either of them as an original scholar.

Since I have not myself worked in the field of water relations I do not know the people in that area very well. In fact, I have felt that many of the people working in the area are not very critical and that the criteria that they have used as scientific evaluation have not been too high. I am sure that there are others in the field who could give you better advice than I can.

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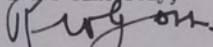
Dr. W. W. Ray,
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Dear Dr. Ray:

I am enclosing the material submitted with your nominations of Dr. Davidson and Dr. Weaver.

Favorable action was taken on the case of Dr. Davidson but action was deferred on Dr. Weaver's nomination pending the submission of further evidence of research accomplishments. I hope that his name will be resubmitted just as soon as the manuscript on his present work is prepared for publication, even though it has not yet been accepted and published. I hope that Dr. Weaver will continue to serve in the many useful capacities in which we have used him during the past year or two.

Yours sincerely,


R. W. Goss, Dean.

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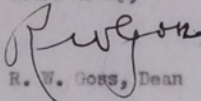
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Dear Colleagues:

I am enclosing information from Brown University regarding a program of internships in college teaching that might be of interest to some of your graduate students who are approaching the completion of their work for the Ph.D. degree. I particularly call your attention to the second paragraph indicating that students having such an appointment would have time for the completion of their thesis work, that is the preparation for publication.

If you have any student who would be interested in this, would you please write me a letter concerning him, as Dean Keensy of Brown University has requested me to write a letter commenting on the applicant's promise as a teacher.

Yours truly,


R. W. Goss, Dean

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