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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
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January 30, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

I thank you for the letter which you recently sent recommending Mr. Clyde Brashier for the position we have open. He seems to be well qualified and we will certainly give him serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Northen

Henry T. Northen
Head
Department of Botany

HTN:gs

Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

March 4, 1953

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

Dr. W. W. Ray,
Department of Botany,
Univ. of Nebraska,
Lincoln 8, Nebr.

Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 27.
I am very pleased to hear from you and hoped that I would
have made contact with you before this time.

We are pleased to have the information regarding
your assistantships but at the moment it does not appear
that there will be any students graduating from here who
will be available. There does seem to be a definite shortage
of graduate students, particularly in plant pathology, and
in some related fields.

I am enjoying my work here very much, although
this week is not a good one to ask how things are going
because this is the week when the budgets are being pre-
pared. I trust that you will be able to make a visit here
in the near future and if I have the opportunity of going
up through Lincoln, I shall certainly call in to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart M. Pady

Stuart M. Pady
Head of Department

SMP:NEJ

Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

February 11, 1955

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

This letter is in support of the application of Ted Barkley who, I understand, has made application for an assistantship for next year in your department. Ted is a senior who has been majoring in Botany and who has shown a very definite flair for taxonomy. He has worked with Dr. Frank C. Gates who thinks very highly of him and of his possibilities in the field of plant taxonomy.

Ted has a very pleasing personality. He is very neat in his appearance and meets people very well. He is self-confident and impresses one with his exuberance. He is one of the most cheerful people that I have met and it is always a pleasure to talk to him. He expresses himself extremely well and has an excellent vocabulary. We expect that he will present a paper at the Kansas Academy of Science meetings in April.

I have not had him in any of my classes and I am not familiar with the grades which he has been making in all of his courses. I do know that in the fields of taxonomy and ecology his work has been of very high quality. There is no question in my mind that he has the ability to succeed in this field which he has chosen for his career.

He has tremendous interest in taxonomy and along with the ability which he has, I am fairly confident of his success. He has given a great deal of consideration to graduate work and in that has been encouraged both by Dr. Gates and myself. His choice of your school as one of the few to which he has been making application has been made after prolonged consideration.

I have no hesitancy whatsoever in recommending him for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart M. Pady

Stuart M. Pady
Head of Department

SMP:NEW

Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

May 6, 1955

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

Dr. W. W. Ray,
Dept. of Botany,
Univ. of Nebraska,
Lincoln 8, Nebr.

Dear Winfield:

We were delighted with the very fine visit which we had with you and the Nebraska group recently. When we saw the thundercloud and later heard that there were heavy rains and storms south of Lincoln, we felt you may have been caught in it.

I am sorry that I was so tied up that day with classes. I hope before long that I shall be able to make a trip to Lincoln and I shall give you due notice.

Thank you very much for your very kind letter.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart

Stuart M. Pady
Head of Department

SMP:NEJ

Kansas State University
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Manhattan, Kansas

June 20, 1959

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Dickens Hall

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

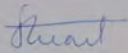
Dear Winfield:

As you are probably aware, the meeting of the North Central Division of the American Phytopathological Society will be in Lincoln on the 25th and 26th. A group of us from here will be attending.

I shall be frank and say that I think the program outlined is a very weak one, and I know that some of the other pathologists are quite disappointed. Since Dr. Kramer will be along, I thought we might spend some time with you and possibly do some collecting. It is possible that Dr. Kramer and I might be able to come down to your department on Thursday afternoon unless, of course, you are going to be at the Plant Pathology Department.

In any case, there is no Friday morning program and I wondered if it might be possible for us to do some mycological collecting for part of the morning. We plan to leave after lunch.

Sincerely yours,



S. M. Pady
Head of Department

SMP:NBJ

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 28, 1962

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

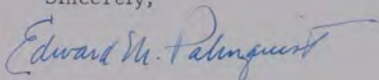
Dear Dr. Ray:

On receiving your letter of December 21, 1962, the names of three plant physiologists came immediately to mind as productive men who also have the ability to become strong chairmen. They are Eldon H. Newcomb of the University of Wisconsin, Allan H. Brown of the University of Minnesota, and Carroll A. Swanson of Ohio State University. Their ages are respectively 43, 45, and 47. Since each is a full professor at a Big 10 School, it would no doubt be necessary to go to your top figure to attract them. My first choice would be Eldon Newcomb. He is a brilliant and productive man who also is a very able teacher. His interests are very broad, and I would be very proud to have him on our staff here.

The name of a much younger man also suggests itself. He is Dr. Jorge L. Padron, Head of the Chemistry Department at Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. Although his present position is in the field of chemistry, he earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Bacteriology at Oklahoma University. His interest is in bacterial physiology. Dr. Padron is a native Cuban. He has an extremely likeable personality and a great deal of energy. In spite of the small institution he serves and his youth, he has an NSF Grant. He is an active researcher, and his enthusiasm for research is contagious. I am not sure what your reaction would be to a man in bacterial physiology, but if this is not too far from your needs, you would do well to look at Dr. Padron.

With best wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Palmquist
Associate Dean

EMP:ssc

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

March 5th 1959

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

Prof. W. W. Ray.
Dept of Botany
University of Nebraska.
Lincoln & Neb:-

Dear Mr. Ray: I am mailing under separate cover most of the cultures you asked for in your letter of Feb. 10. The remainder will be sent later. I am sorry for the long delay but it takes time for the cultures to make a good growth when they come out of the freezer. I hope you will find these strains satisfactory. I believe they are all sporulating strains and that none of them have gone pleomorphic.

Sincerely yours

Orda A. Plumbitt
Prof. of Botany.

R. J. Pool

Aug 10, 1948

Dear Dr. Ray: I have thought that I might move into the room vacated by Darland, for the coming year, but I now feel that it will be simpler all around if I stay in 210 for 1948-49, and plan to vacate the place next summer, when you might move into 210, with the other fellows, making whatever changes that may seem desirable.

It will take weeks to get all my stuff in 210 ready to move to the market, and so it is probably foolish to go to all of the trouble to move it down to 119 now. Anyhow I will, of course, be glad to do whatever you think best. After next year, when I am also on "Emeritus status", perhaps the backers and I could all share the place where Darland has been.

Yours
Pool

MISSISSIPPI
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
STATE COLLEGE, MISS.
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

October 17, 1946

Dr. W. W. Ray, Chairman
Cotton Seedling Disease Committee
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Ray:

I have furnished Dr. Forbes with the title of the paper I plan to present on cotton seed treatment studies in Mississippi.

Your letter regarding this question has been misplaced and I would appreciate very much if you could furnish me with another copy of your memorandum.

Very truly yours,

John T. Presley

John T. Presley
Plant Pathologist

JTF:bct

Ans. 10/21

Mar 14 '53

Dear Dr. Ray —

Regret very much that
copies of this paper are no
longer available.

By the way, are you
still continuing your studies on
the *Gymnosarcaceae*? Had hoped
to see a publication from your
laboratory on this by this time.
As has one been published, &
the paper cheap, we should
appreciate receiving anything along this
line as work is completed.

Sincerely yours
F. B. Raper

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
A UNIT OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY
PLANT SCIENCE BUILDING

October 2, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

If you have any outstanding seniors or M.S. candidates who wish to continue their studies at another institution, we would like to have the privilege of nominating them for an NSF Cooperative Graduate Fellowship. We are anxious to give consideration to any good student well grounded in the basic biological sciences whose interests are such that he is, or could become, interested in some phase of plant pathology, mycology, virology, or nematology.

These are splendid fellowships; they pay the recipient \$2200 for a 12-month tenure plus tuition and fees. In addition, an awardee may earn up to \$800 on a 12-month tenure or \$600 on a 9-month tenure for part-time teaching or research. Applications and supporting credentials must be received by November 6. Unless students are aware of this deadline, they may delay their application too late for nomination. All applicants must be, or become by March 15, 1960, citizens of the United States.

I would appreciate having interested students write me, enclosing a copy of their transcript or a faculty-approved copy of their grades to date. If we feel that we can support the application, we will send them the necessary application forms.

Other fellowships with later deadlines also will be available and a number of assistantships in this department will be open next fall. Any student who writes to me, but is not recommended for this particular fellowship, will automatically be considered for other awards. I am enclosing a pamphlet describing the graduate study in our department. Since this pamphlet is a bit out of date, a separate sheet giving the current stipends for fellowships and assistantships is inserted.

If you or any of your students need further information, please do not hesitate to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

A. F. Ross

A. F. Ross
Professor

AFR:adg
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December 5, 1960

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

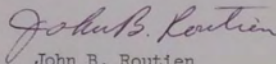
Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for your prompt help in our soil collecting project.

Mr. Kunkel has written and I am sending him a letter and envelopes today.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



John B. Routien

mjk

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL OF FORESTRY
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

February 10, 1960

Dr. William W. Ray
Head, Department of Botany,
Bessey Hall
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

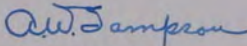
For some years I have had in mind proposing to the Chancellor that the University of Nebraska consider conferring an honorary degree or some other expression of appreciation on my highly esteemed friend, Dr. Raymond J. Pool. His many years of diversified and effective services at the University would seem strongly to qualify him for some special consideration.

You are in a particularly good position to appraise my proposal and to initiate proper action through the Chancellor if, in your judgment, it seems to have real merit. Ray's classmates and numerous students would undoubtedly be much pleased to see him honored.

I am not informed as to whether the University of Nebraska has a policy opposing the conferring of honors on professors of emeritus status. Here at the University of California many qualified emeriti are honored.

Your consideration of my proposal will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



A. W. Sampson
Professor of Forestry Emeritus

AWS:pba
cc: Chancellor Hardin

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY PARK • PENNSYLVANIA

College of Agriculture
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

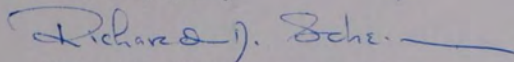
February 26, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

On February 24 we sent by regular mail a culture of race US1 (Pa.)
culture on lima bean agar for high sporulation. I am sorry about
the delay, but hope the culture arrives soon enough to be of use
to you.

Very truly yours,



Richard D. Schein, Assistant Professor
Plant Pathology

RDS/jh

The Mycological Society of America

Founded December, 1931

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

March 13, 1953

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

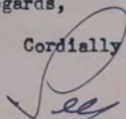
Dear Dr. Ray:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter recommending Mr. Wasmer for membership in the Mycological Society of America. His membership will become effective as of January 1, and he will be sent the first number of MYCOLOGIA for this year as soon as the printer has his addressograph plate set up. I am sending him an application form to be completed and returned to me for the records of the Society.

Keep Urbana in mind when you make your visit to Indiana this summer and stop in to see us.

With sincere regards,

Cordially yours,



Leland Shanor
Secretary-Treasurer

LS/mr

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
URBANA, ILLINOIS

February 17, 1956

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

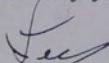
Dear Dr. Ray;

Dr. Raymond Pool was on our campus Tuesday evening to talk to our botany seminar and told me of your appointment to spend two years in Turkey. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity and I should like to extend my congratulations.

Dr. Pool delivered a very stimulating address and we appreciate very much his coming.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,



Leland Shanor

LS:baj

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
AND
PLANT PATHOLOGY

May 12, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

We have available a full-time assistantship carrying a stipend of \$3600 per year for candidates who have completed their Master of Science degree and are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. degree in the pathology of turf grasses. Under the assistantship, the student might complete the degree in a minimum of 3 years, depending upon the progress of his research.

If you know of any one who might be interested in this opportunity, we would be glad to obtain his name and address or have him write directly. The assistantship might be particularly attractive to someone with family responsibilities who might be unable to continue graduate study on a half-time assistantship.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Shay
J. R. Shay, Head
Dept. of Botany and
Plant Pathology

jrs/vlc

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN, U. S. A.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL

December 28, 1962

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

Dear Professor Ray:

In reply to your letter of December 18th, regarding a position for an experienced plant physiologist and eventual chairman of the Botany Department, I am pleased to recommend Professor Curtis M. Wilson of the University of Illinois.

Professor Wilson obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota. He then came here for a Ph.D. degree in Botany (plant physiology) and a minor in Biochemistry. Upon graduation in 1954 he was appointed to an Assistant Professorship at Rutgers University where he was shortly promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Wilson made excellent progress and was much appreciated by his colleagues at Rutgers. However, both he and his wife have their roots and hearts in the Midwest. Hence, two or three years ago, he accepted a position (with the USDA?) in the Agronomy Department at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Wilson is well satisfied with his position and I know from his publications that he is making good progress in his research on nucleic acid metabolism, etc. in relation to growth of plants.

I understand, however, that he would consider seriously an offer of the type of position you have indicated in your letter, because he likes teaching and association with a teaching department.

Dr. Wilson is remarkably well-informed both in plant physiology and biochemistry. He is a careful, well-organized and efficient investigator. He also writes and speaks clearly and effectively.

I believe that from personal as well as professional standpoints you would find him exceptionally qualified.

I do not know what terms of appointment Dr. Wilson would accept, but I expect he might not wish to move for less than a full professorship.

Other available plant physiologists I could recommend would be less experienced, recent Ph.D. graduates.

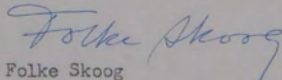
Dr. W. W. Ray

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December 28, 1962

I shall be very much interested in your reaction to Dr. Wilson's candidacy. If you have any further questions, I shall be glad to try to oblige.

Yours sincerely,


Folke Skoog

FS/tae



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
ENGINEERING BUILDING
LARAMIE, WYOMING

30 March 1950

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

This is rather a late date but I am wondering whether you might have any graduate assistantships available for next year. I have a young man who will receive his master's degree here at the end of the summer. His major interest is in mycology and he wishes to continue on for the doctor's degree. He is a very good man and in my opinion well qualified for graduate work. If you have any vacancies I shall appreciate very much hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. G. Solheim".

W. G. Solheim
Professor of Botany

WGS:jr

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

June 14, 1960

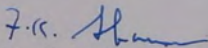
Professor W. W. Ray, Chairman
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Professor Ray:

Upon opening a brief case not used since last summer, I was chagrined to find your request for my "Interrelationships and Phylogeny" paper. More so, since the reprint supply was exhausted soon after I received them.

Please accept my apologies. In the meantime, I shall try to get back a few copies, in which case I will send one to you.

Sincerely yours,


F. K. Sparrow

FKS:ga

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

January 16, 1956

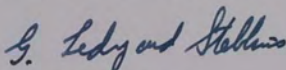
Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Wray:

I wish to thank you and your colleagues again for your cordial hospitality during my visit last week. I had a very pleasant introduction to an institution new to me, and hope that I can return some day. I am also looking forward to welcoming you as well as some of your colleagues to California, perhaps in connection with some of the meetings in 1957, but I hope before then.

Please give my warmest regards to Mrs. Ray for the most delightful party on Wednesday evening.

Yours very sincerely,



G. Ledyard Stebbins
Professor of Genetics

GLS:b

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, SOILS, AND
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

2 DIVISION OF
MYCOLOGY AND DISEASE SURVEY, USDA

4 PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
5 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 10, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

As requested in your letter of April 1, I am glad to send you on loan an apparently authentic specimen of Endodothella helvetica which was still being carried here as Dothidella. The second species which you list, Endodothella andropogonis, is not represented in the collections here. We have only two specimens of Placostroma and they are both being sent to you on loan.

Very truly yours,

John A. Stevenson
1 John A. Stevenson
2 Principal Mycologist in Charge

JAS:reb

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
CROPS RESEARCH DIVISION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Crops Protection Research Branch
Mycology and Plant Disease
Reporting Section

January 21, 1959

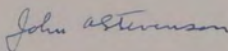
Dr. W. W. Ray, Chairman
Department of Botany
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am glad to send you copies of several of the articles on Dr. Shear's life. There is still a fourth which was published in Mycologia but my supply of these reprints is exhausted.

I was interested to learn that you had a pleasant time in Turkey. I did not realize that Sherwood had been there also.

Sincerely yours,



John A. Stevenson
Principal Mycologist in Charge

Enclosures

Please address reply to:

The National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
CROPS RESEARCH DIVISION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 7, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Ray:

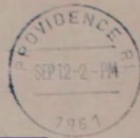
I very much appreciate the effort you have made to obtain photographs of several of our charter members. I am particularly glad to add the photograph of Dr. Walker to our collection.

Very truly yours,

John A. Stevenson
John A. Stevenson
Principal Mycologist in Charge
Mycology and Plant Disease Reporting Section
Crops Protection Research Branch

Please address reply to:

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Dr W W Ray
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8
Dept Botany Nebraska 62

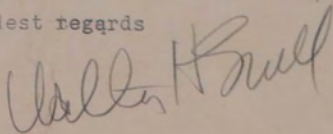
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September 12, 1961

Dr Ray -

Will send Boletes XIII as soon
as I receive the reprints - also a few
other I have not yet sent.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter H. S.', written in a cursive style.

Walter H. S.