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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

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Dr. John Davidson
Botany Department
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Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Davidson:

Mr. Roger Albertson has asked me to write in support of his application for an assistantship in taxonomy at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Albertson has distinguished himself as an undergraduate in our department as quite a botanical artist. In fact, I am afraid that at times too much of his study time was used in getting out material for Better Homes and Gardens, Iowa State publications and other related publications so that his grade point has tended to suffer. While he is not the brightest senior, I believe that his intense interest may compensate for this, at least for a Masters Degree. He loves field work and has spent two summers as a Ranger Naturalist in the Mt. Rainier Park system.

Roger is married and has one child. His pre-college background is pretty much rural and his family has always encouraged his college work. His military service was finished prior to his entrance here at Iowa State. If there is any further information you would like, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Romberg
Associate Professor
Botany & Plant Pathology