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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.

March 6, 1956

Dr. G. W. Martin
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Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Dr. Martin:

I was glad that I wrote about the possibility of nominating Dr. Garner for Sigma Xi. It is so easy to overlook these things.

Dr. Lommasson, who is secretary of our chapter, believes that it would be possible to honor your nomination and have the initiation here. He is to let me know officially after he meets with the officer's sometime next week. I shall then write to you.

We have been very pleased with Dr. Garner. He has done a creditable job of lecturing to two large classes, and his direction of about eight laboratory sections has been very satisfactory. He is very friendly with the staff and graduate students, and has caused no friction at all. He has kept busy with his manuscript, but he has not conducted any active research that has come to my attention. As a teacher, he should do very well, but I have no way of evaluating his research potentialities.

If I should go to Turkey, and my appointment has not yet cleared all points, we would like to have Dr. Garner remain for two more years. He would teach my three courses in mycology and help with the elementary botany. I have already approached him on this subject and indicated that his appointment would be for only two years. In view of the uncertainty of my leaving, I have suggested that he look for something more permanent, and he is doing this.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Ray
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Chairman

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