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March 11, 1964

Dr. Rufus H. Moore
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Dear Rufus:

I am sorry for the slight delay in answering your letter, and I can only offer the excuse that I have been snowed under with work. I do know Dr. Roy Sachs fairly well and am happy to give you what information I have about him.

Dr. Sachs has been interested in the physiology of the flowering process and in growth hormones. He has a very sound background both in plant physiology and plant biochemistry. While I have not worked with him, I have discussed research problems with him and have listened to many of his seminars. He impresses me as a person who does sound research and who exhibits originality in his approach to problems. He is an enthusiastic and hard worker and makes sound interpretations. He is not inclined to go off the deep end in speculation as are some of the young plant physiologists of today. I believe he is as sound a bet as you could find among the young plant physiologists of today with respect to research potential.

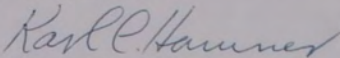
I have not had an opportunity to observe his teaching, but I have listened to him in numerous seminars, and he does an excellent job. He is an easy and enthusiastic speaker and holds the attention of his audience, organizes his talks very well, and answers questions easily and reasonably. I feel certain that he will make a fine teacher.

I have no knowledge of his possible ability as an administrator. However, I feel he is a fairly good possibility, especially if you feel you want a plant physiologist as chairman. As you may know many of the young plant physiologists are becoming biochemists or molecular biologists; and many, if not most of these, are rather narrow in their outlook. Dr. Sachs, on the other hand, has a broad background, and I feel would be sympathetic to the other disciplines of botany and would not insist upon your department simply becoming a department of plant biochemistry. I know they like him

at Davis very well, and you will have to make a fairly good offer to induce him to move.

I hope this information is helpful to you, and that it does not arrive too late to be useful. It was very pleasant to hear from you, and my sincere best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Karl C. Hamner
Professor of Botany

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