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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.

Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

March 25, 1958

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

Dr. Harry L. Weaver, Acting Chairman
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Weaver:

Mr. G. S. Gill has requested that I write you relative to his application for an assistantship in the realm of plant nutrition in your department.

I have checked with Drs. Roscoe Ellis and Floyd Smith of the department of soils here and I agree with them in the view they say they expressed to you that likely Gill could complete a fairly decent doctorate if he worked on a problem of not too technical nature and was given considerable guidance. They have voted not to allow Gill to continue for the doctorate in soils here. Gill, like many Indians, is obsessed with the idea of obtaining a doctorate and as I see it is turning to what he considers the field most closely related to soils. Gill maintains that he is as good as many Indians who have taken doctorates in the crops section of agronomy here and this may be true but the fact remains that the soils section maintains higher standards.

Incidentally I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the aid you gave me on the anatomical structure of the wheat head when I visited your department in November of 1956. I am still working on this problem. Please remember me to Rufus Moore.

Very truly yours,

John C. Frazier

Professor of Plant Physiology

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