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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Handwritten signature: Gausberg

Dear Dr. Lillie,

it is upon the suggestion of Dr. grave that I am writing to you in a personal matter. A few days ago, we discussed my future at this University. Dr. Grave pointed out that the financial difficulties of Washington U. are extremely serious and no improvement can be hoped for. Salaries have not been raised for years and will not be raised in the next year; neither could I hope for an ^{promotion} ~~advancement~~ in my rank, for the same reason. Though he would much regret to see me leave, he feels that he should advise me in my own interest and in that of my family to look for a more promising position. I ^{will} be glad to assure you personally that his financial aspect is the one and only motive for his advice. I would deeply regret to leave, since I have the greatest esteem for Dr. Grave and I find in his department a fine spirit of cooperation and a stimulating atmosphere. I have just been organizing my courses and my research and was looking forward to a couple of fruitful years. I would not hesitate to continue to work for another year on my present salary of \$2500.- however I feel I cannot do that indefinitely. I am therefore decided to consider any appointment which

would improve my situation. I would ~~have~~ be much obliged to you if you would let me know of any opening in my field which would come to your knowledge.

I would be particularly interested to be given the opportunity of offering a Laboratory course in Exp. Embryology such as I have organized here. I attend it now for the second time and I think the outcome was quite satisfactory. The enclosed outline will give you an idea of what we have done. I think that such a course would form a valuable addition to our training of biologists.

I thank you very much for your kind letter of September. I was particularly glad to learn that both Mrs. Lillie and yourself were in good health. I hope Mrs. Lillie is having a good winter. - We had a pleasant time with my parents last summer, we spent most of the time in the mountains on the Czechoslovakian side of the Riesengebirge. At present, both Mrs. Hamburger and Doris have the customary winter-flu but they both are improving and will be up within a few days. Otherwise they are very well, Doris loves to go to school. - Amelise wrote a card from Egypt, she may be at home by now.

With my best regards to you and to Mrs. Lillie.
Yours very sincerely
V. Hamburger.