

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Professor Victor Hamburger
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Hamburger:

During the absence on leave for the next academic year of Professor Barth we shall have a place on our staff for a visiting professor of embryology. We had hoped to use this as a lever with which to get Holtfreter out of internment in Canada, but a recent letter from the Canadian Minister does not give us much encouragement that we shall succeed.

Before we thought of trying to help Holtfreter we had wondered whether you could get free and pay us a visit and I should like to inquire whether you could consider an offer of a visiting professorship for next year. The main duties consist in giving a one-term course in embryology to a class of about eighty students in Columbia College, mostly pre-medical students. This has met once a week and with some good assistants does not impose very much work on the instructor.


In addition, we should of course like the visiting professor to offer a seminar or course for graduate students in his own particular field. The form of this would be left to the discretion of the professor.

We should try to obtain a sum of \$4000 for this purpose. We are aware, of course, that it might be difficult to move a family and live in New York for a year on this sum, but perhaps before discussing other adjustments that might have to be made we should know what your plans are and whether there is any possibility that you might consider such an offer.

With best regards,

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Sincerely yours,


L. C. Dunn