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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Professor Victor Hamburger  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Hamburger:

I am sorry to know that you will not be free to get a leave of absence for next year and to join us for a time, but at the same time I am very glad that your influence will be used in reconstructing the Department at St. Louis. This was the expression of all of our staff to whom I read your letter this noon. We all wish you the best of success in your new appointment.

We have been considering some younger men who might be asked to come and work here for a year or a term. Among them was Eastlich. I have some notes in which I had recorded a year or two ago that you had a good opinion of him, also that Willier had expressed some doubts about him. My own impression of his first papers on the melanophore transplantation was very good. Would you be willing to give an opinion concerning his general intelligence and whether you think he would be a good man to give our second term course in embryology. I do not know whether he is available or not.

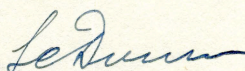
Among other younger men that have been suggested are Pease and Dalton, the latter now at Rochester. All of these men have had some experience. You also mentioned two of your students - Cairns and Gayer, but members of our staff have not seen their papers and we hesitate to ask a man who has just taken his degree. We of course do not want to assume any obligation toward anyone who is invited for a temporary post and this was one reason why we preferred not to invite any of the younger men.

If you know of any members of your own generation who ought to be considered and who you think could be induced to come for a term I should be glad to have your advice on that also.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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L. C. Dunn