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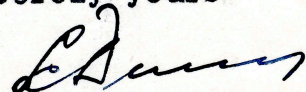
Dear Professor Hamburger:

Thank you very much for your letter about Miss Alper. She sounds like the sort of person we should like to have in the department and we shall try to find means to provide some support during her graduate study. It is very difficult to say just what the situation will be in respect to assistantships, and since our teaching obligations in the College, which includes a V-12 unit, have not yet been settled. I think the best thing for Miss Alper to do is to fill up the application form for fellowships and scholarships which we will have sent to her. She would be eligible for a residence scholarship which provides room and board during the academic year. The candidates who are placed on the top of the list for such scholarships may also receive a grant-in-aid for tuition, that is, practically all their expenses are met and no service is required. This is the best arrangement for a student beginning graduate work since they can devote their full energy to study in the first terms. If she is not placed high enough on the list for fellowships and scholarships which are competed for throughout the faculties, we shall then on your recommendation, consider her for a part time assistantship in the department. Thank you for sending her to us.

Spiegelman made a very good impression and gave us a very good seminar. I believe the work on failure of enzyme regeneration in the absence of a specific gene is quite important. He seems quite sure of himself but in the seminar discussion and in discussions with me, he is quite able to back up his opinions with information and good reasons. I should say he is a very good bet as a research man. Unfortunately, both zoological and botanical societies were meeting that night, so that neither Dobzhansky nor Rhoades came to Spiegelman's discussion. Pollister, Schrader, Ballentine and I were there and you could get independent opinions from the others if you wished.

Best regards,

sincerely yours



L. C. Dunn

P.S. Miss Alper's transcript does not indicate her having studied histology. Do you know whether she has some outside experience in histology?