

June 6, 1972

Mr. Earl P. Stephens
12310 Huntingwick
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Earl:

Thank you for your letter of June 1. We certainly enjoyed the visit of your son Scott. He arrived early one morning after walking a long way on the Appalachian Trail in the rain and hitchhiking to Petersham. He then slept a good part of the day and looked around the area of his boyhood where everything looked smaller than he had remembered. We had dinner together and went to a stage play at the Mahar Regional High School in which our two daughters had parts. I also had a long chat with him.

The two papers you requested are enclosed. We had three copies of Vohden's thesis. You may keep this copy. You may also keep the copy of the Hosmer reprint.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Martin H. Zimmermann
Director

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Enclosures

Walt Hoffman
Don Powell

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June 1, 1972

Dr. Martin H. Zimmermann, Director
Harvard Forest
Harvard University
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Martin:

I had a most enjoyable telephone discussion with Dr. and Mrs. Raup this morning. Learned that my Son Scott, had dinner with you not long ago. Thank you, for the consideration that you afforded him.

My reason for writing is to inquire about some wood utilization research conducted at Harvard University in the late 1940's.

- I. A Masters Thesis concerning the qualities of lumber-dimension stock that could be cut from hardwood pulpwood. I believe the author was Allen Vohden.

I hope that this thesis is in the Harvard Forest Library and that I could secure a copy. Do you have a ready means of reproducing such manuscripts? I will, of course, be glad to pay for it if the cost is reasonable.

- II. The results of a closely associated effort, a pilot operation, conducted by Prof. Hosmer of the Harvard Business School in conjunction with the old Brown Paper Company at Berlin, N. H. This operation followed Vohden's research by a couple years. My understanding is that the operation was not a success.

Is there any report of this effort in the Harvard Forest Library?

Martin, I would appreciate any information that you can make available to me.

Please let me know if I can ever be of help to you, and give my regards to the many fine people at the Forest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Earl Stephens
Industrial Botany

October 2, 1972

Mr. William G. Schneeflock
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Dear Mr. Schneeflock,

I am delighted with this opportunity to recommend Earl Stephens. I have known him for many years, and have the highest regard for him.

He came to the Harvard Forest for work as a summer assistant in the same year that I became Director of the Forest, 1946. He was at that time a student at the University of West Virginia, where he took a BS in forestry. When this was finished he came to the Harvard Forest as a candidate for an Masters Degree in Forestry, which he completed without difficulty in a year. We kept him on as a research assistant for a couple of years, after which he spent a year at the University in Cambridge completing the course work and general examinations for a doctorate in biology. He then returned to the Forest here in Petersham where he served as research assistant and worked up his PhD thesis. This was finished and accepted in 1956 (I do not have the records at hand, and may be off a year).

Throughout this period I saw a great deal of him, and came to respect his ability and judgement. Everything he did here was well done, and his PhD. thesis was an outstanding piece of original research, probably the finest done by any forestry student during my tenure as Director. It had not only immediate intrinsic values, but also a large catalytic effect upon much that has been done since. As you may know, the Harvard Forest was heavily affected by the hurricane of 1938. Not much research pertaining to its significance for long-term forest management was done until after the war when Earl Stephens saw its effects and made it the subject of his thesis. He worked intensively and meticulously for about 3 1/2 years on a small patch of woods (a little less than an acre), thoroughly documenting its history since 1803. He also unearthed clear evidence that there have been four hurricanes here, similar to the 1938 one, in the last 500 years. These findings have greatly altered all our thinking about ecological development and general forest management in this region.

After leaving here (1956 or '57) he spent a year at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station (at Wooster, Ohio), and then went to the Champion Paper Company at Hamilton, Ohio. He has been with this company's research department ever since, later moving to Houston, Texas, where he also

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had the management of one of their large timber holdings. In his company's interest he has traveled over much of the world. He has maintained contact with us here ever since he left, usually by a yearly visit.

Earl Stephens is a pleasant person to know, always neat in appearance, meets and deals with people easily, has no fear of hard, concentrated work, and so far as I have ever heard, works happily with other people. He is a person of wide interests, adjustable to problems and responsibilities that are new to him. Your letter does not tell me what the position he is applying for entails in the way of responsibilities, but whatever they are he can be depended upon to do a good job. You will be indeed fortunate if you can get his services.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh M. Raup
Professor of Forestry and
Director of the Harvard Forest, Emeritus

HMR:CD

October 2, 1972

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See accompanying letter

Knowledge, practice and theory of forest management and silviculture.

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Depends upon what will be required of him and where he will work. He can be depended upon to make the necessary improvements.

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September 26, 1972

Dr. H. M. Raup
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Re: Earl P. Stephens

Dear Doctor Raup:

The person whose name appears above is applying for a position with the University of California's Agricultural Extension and has suggested that we contact you as a reference. Will you please provide us with an evaluation on the enclosed form.

You may wish to supplement this form with a letter. If so, we will appreciate your thoughts. As soon as it is convenient, PLEASE return the FORM with any additional comments you wish to include.

You may be sure that any material you send, as well as this form, will be kept confidential.

Your appraisal will be most helpful. Thank you.

Cordially,


William G. Schneeflock
Program Leader, Personnel

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Dr. Hugh M. Raup
Petersham, Massachusetts

Nov. 8, 1972

Dear Dr. Raup,

Surely was good to hear you last Sunday. Blanchie, Tim, and I had just gotten home from the beach.

Last nite as I listened to the election returns, I recalled where Blanchie and I were 24 years ago: we spent the nite with you and Mrs. Raup in your home at Jamaica Plains! We sat around the radio and Dewey had quite a lead on Truman. Went to bed thinking Dewey had won! The rest is history! Twenty four years is a long time ago.

Dr. Raup, I appreciate very much your consideration. I hope that the AID job of Forestry Advisors in Vietnam comes thru because I want it so darn badly I can taste it. I believe I can make a contribution in this endeavor and I want to have at it. Anyway, as soon as I hear one way or another about this job, you will be among the first to know. I will write to Dr. John Kirk as you have suggested. The opening there sounds very interesting.

I had planned to write a long and informative letter to you and Mrs. Raup. Frankly, this period of limbo and waiting is beginning to wear a bit on me; it's a unique experience to me. I am flabbergasted at the disregard for TIME that some segments of our Society have! I hope that I will be able to write a respectable letter to you + Mrs. Raup within a month or so.

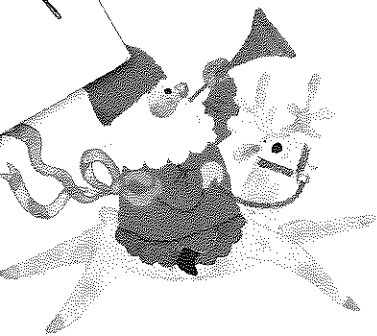
Please accept this five dollars for payment of the long distance telephone call. Blanchie said that I would hurt your feelings by doing this. I hope not, as this is the last thing I want to happen. You folks are mature and will understand my point of view.

Dr. Raup, under separate cover I am sending to you copies of some of the stuff I have written. I like to think, Dr. Raup, that there is some of you sprinkled throughout them.

Please give Blanchie's and my regards to Mrs. Raup, and I'll write more as soon as I have firm information.

Thank you, for your considerations.

Sincerely,
Boony



DEC. 18, 1972
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DEAR DR. + MRS. RAUP,

JUST A LITTLE NOTE TO WISH YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR" AND TO INFORM YOU OF MOST RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO MY FAMILY AND
ME.

I HAVE ACCEPTED A JOB WITH AID THRU
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TO HELP DE-
VELOP A FORESTRY SCHOOL IN VIET NAM.
THE SCHOOL IS ONE OF FOUR IN THE NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL CENTER AT SAIGON. MY CON-
TRACT IS FOR ONE YEAR WITH OPTION FOR RE-
NEWAL DEPENDENT UPON A VARIETY OF FACTORS.
THIS IS THE KIND OF ENDEAVOR I HAVE BEEN
WANTING TO UNDERTAKE FOR SOME TIME, SO I
AM QUITE PLEASED. I HEARD ABOUT THIS JOB
WAY BACK IN AUGUST AND HAVE BEEN PURSUING
IT ALL THE TIME UNTIL I SIGNED A LETTER OF
UNDERSTANDING ONLY LAST WEEK, DEC. 12. IT
REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 2 1/2 MONTHS TO GET
SECURITY CLEARANCE FROM THE STATE DEPART-
MENT JUST TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE
JOB!

IN BRIEF, I WILL BE HEADING FOR SAIGON THE LATTER THIRD OF JANUARY, AND BLANCHIE AND TIM WILL GO TO KUALU LUMPUR, MALAYSIA IN JUNE. FAMILIES, WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, ARE NOT PERMITTED IN VIET NAM, SO BLANCHIE AND TIM WILL LIVE IN KUALU LUMPUR. THOUGH I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT WITH THEM ONCE A MONTH, FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS, THIS IS NOT THE BEST OF ARRANGEMENTS AND I HOPE THE SITUATION IN VIET NAM WILL IMPROVE SO AS TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE THERE.

BLANCHIE + TIM ARE EXCITED AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A DIFFERENT MODE OF LIVING. TIM WILL ATTEND A SCHOOL THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. EVERYTHING I HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL IS GOOD. TIM DOES NOT WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPROVE OF THE WEARING APPAREL WHICH CONSISTS OF BLUE SHORTS AND WHITE SHIRT! IF HE CAN LEARN TO USE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THIS ALONE WILL MAKE THE EXPERIENCE WORTHWHILE. BOTH HE + BLANCHIE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ARCHEOLOGY AND OF COURSE THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAS MUCH OF THIS NATURE TO OBSERVE. THEN AS TIME PERMITS, WE HOPE TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF MALAYSIA SO AS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF KUALU LUMPUR AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS, AS IT WERE.

WE SOLD OUR HOUSE LAST WEEK AND HAVE SECURED A THREE BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE NEAR TIM'S SCHOOL. PLAN TO MOVE ABOUT JANUARY 15-20. THIS IS BETTER THAN BLANCHIE'S MOVING AFTER I AM GONE SINCE I CAN BE HERE TO HELP. BLANCHIE WILL PUT EVERYTHING IN STORAGE WHEN SHE AND TIM MOVE. TIM WILL BE ABLE TO WALK TO SCHOOL.

WE ARE LEAVING FOR MEXICO THIS WEDNESDAY, THE 20th, AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL AFTER NEW YEARS DAY. WE WANT TO VISIT MUSEUMS IN MEXICO CITY AND DO A LOT OF DRIVING TO SEE SOME OF THE MAYAN RUINS ETC. WE WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LOCATION WHILE WE ARE STILL IN THE U. S. A. .

BLANCHIE + I WILL GO TO GAINESVILLE, FLA. ON THE 7th JAN. FOR A WEEK TO TEN DAYS OF ORIENTATION. KATHY WILL TAKE CARE OF TIMOTHY WHILE WE ARE AWAY.

DR. + MRS. RAUP, AS YOU CAN SEE EVENTS ARE OCCURRING RAPIDLY AROUND THE STEPHENS' HOUSEHOLD. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR ME AND MY FAMILY NOT ONLY DURING THESE RECENT MONTHS BUT ALL OF THE TIME, SINCE THAT FIRST SUMMER OF 1946 AT THE HARVARD FOREST. SOMEDAY I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD GET TOGETHER TO COMPARE EXPERIENCES. IF YOU FOLKS EVER GET NEAR TO KUALU LUMPUR IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, PLEASE LET US KNOW. ALSO, IF I CAN EVER DO ANY THING FOR YOU IN VIET NAM OR THAT PART OF THE WORLD DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK.

I DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY CARDS OR LETTERS I WILL SEND OUT THIS HOLIDAY PERIOD. YOURS IS THE FIRST ONE SO FAR! ANYWAY, PLEASE GIVE OUR BEST WISHES TO THE HARVARD FOREST AND PETERSHAM FOLKS. FOREMOST, BLANCHIE, TIM, AND I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sincerely, "Boony"