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Dear Charlie -

Thank you for both of your letters concerning Peterson. Both of them were very thoughtful. From your first letter, I concluded you were not in such a position to take any action and I really did not want such unless you felt such a person might be helpful in some way to you. I am not at all sure of Peterson as a student but since he would make an excellent assistant for cytogenetic work even if he did not work out well enough as a graduate student. In the meantime, Peterson heard from the university of Illinois that they would accept him on a good student or probation - because of his ratio for undergraduate marks. I had not spoken to Marcus about him at the time I wrote to you or Marcus was in Paris. I have not mentioned it to him as yet, but Peterson went over to see Marcus and after the interview decided to go to Illinois. He has G.I. funds for 5 terms to carry him along. He is under obligation except Peterson to prove himself. I suspect he may make a good plant breeder if he does not do too well in original research. Anyway, his future is settled

for the time being. It was nice of you to express so generously in thought and I appreciate your consideration so much.

It has been working like hell on an exciting over-all problem in genetics with wonderful results. It gets me up early and puts me to bed late! Hope the rest brings to better until the season is over.

Understand quite thoroughly your relation to Rudy. It is difficult and has caused me much hesitation about working on maize at Cold Spring Harbor. I can take only so much of it without clouding my top.

Have a good trip home. You will be glad to be back, no doubt.

And, many thanks again,

Barb.

Pell Brown I appreciate his letter and will write a reply to it as soon as my time is free. Would should be in a few days.