

February 16, 1932.

Dr. R. M. Hughes, Pres.,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Hughes:

Upon my return to Madison I found awaiting me a letter from W. L. McAtee, in charge of Food Habits Research, U.S. Biological Survey, relative to a position with the Survey he had previously offered me. Although my final reply is overdue I have asked him to extend my time to Feb. 20th.

I am very sorry that I was unable to see you while at Ames. I had interviews with a number of Ames and Des Moines people, but nothing was settled, and I still have no idea as to where I stand. It was remarked that the College might not be able to pay the \$3000 salary you mentioned in your letter, which figure at the present I regard as a minimum, in addition to a reasonable allowance for travel and field expenses,

In view of the uncertainties of my own situation, then, and provided that I do not receive definite and satisfactory word from Ames by Feb. 20th, I shall consider it my wisest move to accept McAtee's as yet more tangible proposition.

I hope that my forcing matters in this way will not put you in a hole, so to speak; unless I do, however, I am more than apt to find myself in a worse one.

Yours sincerely,

Paul L. Errington,
In charge, Quail Investigations.