

December 20, 1935

Mr. Albert J. Gastrow,
Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin

Dear Albert:

I just received your letter and I must confess that it raises a lot of problems.

I suppose this \$15.00 a week job which you couldn't take on account of the field work was in connection with the CWA program; if so, may I make a tentative suggestion.

Suppose that you register as unemployed and consider your contract with me suspended or terminated from now on until the 15th of February. I understand that CWA people put in only 30 hours a week, which would give you time to do some quail work on the side, then after the 15th of February, upon the termination of your CWA employment, we could take you on again officially.

I just had a talk with Dr. Drake, Head of the Department here, and he says that absolutely no more than \$100.00 can be spared for the Wisconsin study, regardless of how the pay may be apportioned month by month. I am putting you on the payroll for December at \$50.00, which will take up half of the money we have. Then, after your CWA work is completed (assuming that you will have no trouble making connections) we can pay you the other \$50.00.

If this doesn't work out I don't know what can be done unless there is a possibility of raising some extra money in Wisconsin, or from some outside source. In case of absolute necessity I would be willing to contribute a little out of my own pocket, but I can't afford very much, and do not wish to do this if there is any possible way of getting out of it. However, I appreciate as well as you do that you and your family cannot live during the winter on the \$100.00 which the College has allotted for this work. I will do what I can, but I don't know what that will be. So it is up to you to line up with the CWA in the way that I have suggested, if you can do it.

I am leaving for the East tomorrow and will be gone until after the first of the year. I would appreciate it if you would write me promptly in care of Laurence Bertram Flint, Smith Road, Brush Hill, Milton, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

PLB:BB

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