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Professor Carl J. Drake
Department of Zoology and Entomology
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Dr. Drake:
giffas hi 750.00 ym fuid tuse tigim etd et sa esebi yrs evad yoy ob
zediat etd lo tisat etd .~~giffas~~ eviassetyga hws evitas ylemetjke yrs fadit
Don Farmer has written you recently inquiring as to your possible
interest in taking him on at some future time.

I told him that I would transmit to you my ideas as to his
qualifications, and his field of research.

There is no doubt in my mind that his intellectual powers are
entirely exceptional, and that his training and interest in avian
physiology would be a valuable addition to any campus such as Iowa and
Wisconsin, heretofore mainly active in the ecological field.

Before he left here, I tried to interest our Zoology Department in him,
but the time was not opportune. Because of my inability to help place him
here, I volunteered to help place his qualifications before you.

Farner's most notable accomplishment to date is his series of reviews
of foreign literature in ecological ornithology. He has now taken over the
review section of Bird-Banding, formerly run by Margaret Nice, and there
seems to be unanimous agreement that his reviews are maintaining the Nicean
standard. In case you have not followed this yourself, I am sure Errington
will agree with me that this standard is the highest yet achieved.

These reviews are the product of Farner's almost prodigious command of
foreign languages, plus his critical understanding of ecology, and
especially physiology. He seems to read German, French, Spanish, and
Dutch, and can make out with Italian, Portuguese, and Russian.

His present military assignment is to read the medical literature on diseases
found at the scene of proposed military operations. I understand he may
shortly be sent abroad, so if you should want to look at him, it might be
a good idea to call him over soon.

I cannot offer you any direct evidence on Farner's ability to carry out
research of his own, for I was not in touch with his thesis work, and it
would have been over my head anyhow. I have no reason to doubt that it is
good.

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As to his human relations, his last year here was somewhat clouded by his falling out with a few faculty members. I am not in a position to say whose fault this was. It may have arisen from his own aggressive qualities, or it may have been entirely the fault of the faculty members concerned. In the former event, I would lay the thing to youth rather than to any permanent attribute. It of course goes without saying that any extremely active and aggressive individual will seldom score 100 per cent from the human relations angle.

Should you be unable to consider Farmer for a post on your campus, do you have any ideas as to who might want him? My object in taking up his case is to give some campus the benefit of his rather extraordinary qualifications.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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nalu ni tselekaet hua yuluket ait tadt hua, Ianoitqechu yuluket
hua swoi as dala amqas yus of noitibba eldauay a ed hluow yuluketq
Aldo Leopold
hleit Isagloose ait ni evitas vlietq
Professor of Wildlife Management

cc Errington