

August 9 -

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 need of a position to take any action and I really did not want to ask unless you felt such a person might be useful in some way to you. I am not at all sure of Peterson as a student but know he would make an excellent assistant for Cyto genetics work seeing he did not hold out well enough as a graduate student. In the meantime, Peterson heard from the University of Illinois that they would accept him as a grad. student on probation - because of his rather poor undergraduate marks. I had not spoken to Tracey about him at the time I wrote to you in Tracey's visit in Paris. I have not mentioned it to him as yet, but Peterson went over to see Tracey and after the interview decided to go to Illinois. He has G. I. funds for 5 terms to carry him along. No one is under obligation except Peterson to prove him self. 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 respond 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 us up early  
and gets us to bed late! Hope the reply brings to gether  
until the answer is clear.

Walter and quite thoroughly your relation to Judy. It  
is difficult and has caused no small hesitation about working  
on things at Cal. Fed. I can take only so much of it without  
blowing my top.

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

And, many thanks again,

Bob.

Bill Brown I appreciate his letter and will write a reply  
to it as soon as my time is free. What should wait a few days.