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Dear Joshua:

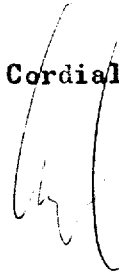
I am already writing you as a potential colleague, which means that I would like to ask for a favor.

I shall move to Stanford in September 1959 with about 15 - 17 graduate students and postdoctorate fellows, although I shall stay on leave from Stanford until September 1960 and only make bimonthly visits during the 1959-1960 academic year.

One of my best graduate students at Wayne, David Herbst, is scheduled to finish his Ph.D. thesis around January or February 1960, although of course one can never be absolutely sure about this. He would also like to move out to Stanford with my group for the last 6 months of his graduate work, but this he can only do if proper employment can be found for his wife, who is carrying most of the financial load in the family at this time. She is a graduate bacteriologist, who has been working at Parke Davis in parasitology for over three years and while she currently is earning \$ 500 per month, they are prepared to move to Stanford if she can get \$ 400. I know from one of my colleagues in parasitology at Wayne that he thinks very highly of Mrs. Herbst and I am wondering whether you or somebody at Stanford would be willing to hire her at that salary with the understanding that she will stay for a minimum of 6 months or longer if her husband has not finished his Ph.D. research by then.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you or one of your colleagues at Stanford can do something for Mrs. Herbst.

Cordially,



✓ Ruffel.