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October 24, 1973

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Dear Bob:

Please excuse the delay in writing to you, but things have been hectic with a first quiz for the quarter. We enjoyed your visit very much and the students were interested in the approach to dentition that you and Hunt have both taken.

As I told you while you were here, we are interested in expanding the anthropology program and are in the process of applying for a Ph.D. Program. One of our needs, we feel, in our new program is a person interested in Medical and Dental Anthropology. We have found that Medical Anthropologists come with varied backgrounds, some in Cultural and some in Physical. I taught a course in Dental Anthropology at the University of Kansas, and we are proposing a similar course in our Ph.D. Program here. Our teaching load is six (6) hours per quarter. You have a fairly good idea of what the staff of the Anthropology Department and the University of Tennessee is like from your visit. Would you be interested in joining this Department in a teaching or research position? We would like for a person of your status to establish a research program involving graduate students and pursue the type of research of your interest.

If you think you would be interested in joining our staff, could you give me an idea of the salary it would take to get you away from Kentucky. If you would seriously consider moving to an anthropology department, we would like to have you and your family return to Knoxville to meet with the Dean, Associate Vice Chancellor Hardy Liston, and other members of the academic and administrative staff that you may wish to meet.

Thank you for your consideration and for your participation in our visiting lecture program.

Sincerely yours,

William M. Bass  
Professor and Head

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cc: Dean Alvin H. Nielsen  
Associate Vice Chancellor Hardy Liston, Jr. ✓