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Personal.

Dr. George F. Zook,
Assistant to Commissioner,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Spok:

I have your letter of the 20th.

In my judgment Dr. J. W. Sprowls is not suited either by training or temperament for Specialist in Charge of Land-Grant College Statistics. He lacks the spirit of loyalty. This spirit is more essential to the success of a subordinate position than even the cooperative disposition.

I received word from several sources that he became intoxicated. I did not attempt to prove or disprove these statements though I am inclined to believe them.

Were he to be employed by the Bureau in the position you indicate it might be accepted as antagonistic to the action taken by the Administration and Board of Trustees of the University last summer and this would be unfortunate.

I do not feel that Dr. Sprowls has anything to recommend him for this position.

Sincerely yours,

HAM/R