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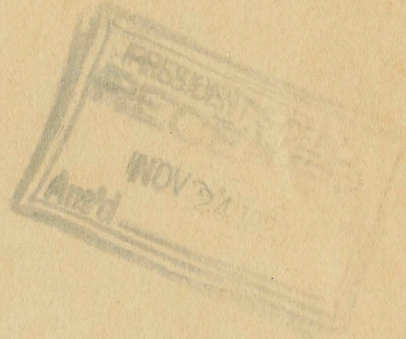
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WASHINGTON

November 20, 1923.

President Harcourt A. Morgan,
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tennessee.



My dear President Morgan:

Dr. J. W. Sprowls has applied, informally, to the Bureau of Education for the position of Specialist in Charge of Land-Grant College Statistics. This position is a statutory position, paying at the present time approximately \$2000 per year. For this reason we have not always found it easy to secure a person who has had as much training and experience in colleges and universities as we should like.

I have no doubt that the circumstances connected with his dismissal from the University of Tennessee has had a great deal to do with Doctor Sprowls' willingness to accept so low a salary.

I am desirous of securing from you a very frank statement concerning Doctor Sprowls. Is he of a cooperative disposition? Is his character above reproach in every way? So far as you know, do you feel that the nature of the difficulties in the University of Tennessee would prevent him from serving the Bureau of Education usefully and successfully in the position which I have named?

I trust that you will feel free to make a very frank statement concerning Doctor Sprowls. I need hardly assure you, I assume, that your letter to me will be regarded in every way as confidential.

Yours very sincerely,

George F. Zook

GEORGE F. ZOOK,
Assistant to Commissioner.