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The Catholic University of America

Washington 17, D. C.

November 30, 1955

Dear Fred:

I am enclosing an extra carbon copy of my draft of the memorial to Lawrence Martin. I am also enclosing an extra carbon of the additional items of the bibliography. I have only one copy of the draft which includes the items that you had from the Bibliography of North American Geology plus the ones I garnered from various periodical indexes. This draft I will keep. I'm sorry that I failed to realize that you were concerned about a carbon copy.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. E. M.', written in a cursive style.

The Catholic University of America

Washington 17, D. C.

October 18, 1955

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Prof. F. T. Thwaites
41 North Robey Road
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Fred:

I am enclosing a revised draft of the memorial for Lawrence Martin. You will note that I reworked your draft in such a way as to incorporate your sentences almost unchanged in the proper place in the story. This draft may be much too long, and it may contain too much emphasis on things that are non-geologic. Of course, one must remember that the greater part of Martin's life was spent in geography. He was at Wisconsin 11 years and at the Library of Congress 22. That doesn't take into account the war years and his duties at the Department of State.

My part of the draft is based on my knowledge of Martin, his record, his works, and on interviews with people who knew him intimately, including Mrs. Laura Martin. I think most would agree that Martin was a complex character--one not easily described on paper, at least not in a brief memorial. Some who saw the draft wondered about the propriety of including ~~the~~ the information on his marital status. Others saw nothing at all wrong with leaving it as is. I did not discuss this with Mrs. Martin. I do believe, though, that the marriage history reveals a great deal of Martin's character.

Mrs. Clara E. LeGere who worked with him for over 20 years, and who has a thorough knowledge of his ability, his strong points, and his weaknesses, and who is very fair in her judgements of Martin suggested that I strike out the line on page 5 about his being an artist at ridicule. She admits that it is true, but she says that's the only thing that was not in keeping with the sympathetic treatment of Martin throughout the rest of the memorial. She also suggested that on the first page some mention might be made of the fact that Lawrence Martin got his start through his brother George C. who was ~~ten~~ five years Lawrence's senior and who was an Alaskan geologist for the U. S. G. S. Also through his work in Alaska and through George, Lawrence became friend of A. H. Brooks and of Phil Smith. Mrs. A. H. Brooks gave her husband's library, after his death, to Lawrence Martin. Mrs. LeGere sees nothing wrong with leaving the mention of the marriages remain as it is.

Frank Williams was asked to write the memorial for the Annals of the Assoc. of Amer. Geographers. He submitted a copy to Arch Gerlach for his approval. Rather, I should say Kollmorgen, the editor of the Annals sent a copy to Gerlach for review. Gerlach was put out that Williams limited the Washington period to a paragraph. Also, Frank's bibliography of Martin's works was very incomplete. I checked my bibliography with the one that Gerlach had the Library staff make up last week, hence the additional page and a half. I had previously discovered the addition on the bottom of page 2 of the bibliography.

I am sorry that I didn't make a copy of Aldrich's letter to you, for I have now forgotten his precise instructions as to length and content. I seem to remember a limit of 5,000 words including bibliography. We may be over that. I also seem to remember a suggestion that we emphasize his geological career.

Since you have his instructions before you, you will certainly want to revise my draft to fit the requirements. There are a number of places where it can be shortened some. I have left it as it is, however, because that way you can have a more complete picture. I did not retype the bibliography that I had compiled, including the part you sent, because I didn't have time and because I didn't know whether you would want to include all the material that Gerlach's people have dug up. You must admit that Martin was a prolific cuss.

Mrs. Martin insists that Romer gave the ice ax to Martin. I changed your term "Hungarian" to the more common term "alpine." I thought Hungarian would now be rather inappropriate since the present boundaries of Hungary include no mountains. Mrs. LeGere tells me, however, that Martin always called it a Carpathian ice ax. That's probably what it should be called. I had a long talk with Mrs. LeGere before I began working on the memorial, and then I asked her to read the draft I am sending you. She was on annual leave until Tuesday, October 18, hence my delay in sending it to you.

You will find as a last page an alternative draft for page one, including remarks about brother George, etc.

I guess this concludes my thoughts on the subject. You can feel free to do what you wish with the draft I am sending. After you revise it, if you want me to look at the revision, I'll be glad to do so. If you want to send it direct to Aldrich without sending it to me, that's all right too.

Please give my best wishes to Amy and the boys. I hope that Bob is continuing to find Platteville to his liking. My mother was here for three weeks, and seemed to enjoy herself. I took one day off and drove over the Chesapeake Bay bridge to Rahobeth, Delaware, and Ocean Beach, Maryland. She got a big kick out of the fact that she had at last seen the Atlantic Ocean.

Cordially,

P. S. I have been trying to polish up the alternative ^{first}~~second~~ sheet, and find that all I can do is either increase the length of what we already have or generally mix up the first part. I'm beginning to think that it's better to leave things as they are, so I'm not sending any alternative sheet one.

In all parts of the bibliography I have avoided including abstracts of papers. If they had been included it would have taken two more pages.

Lula Star 2/13/55

Col. Martin, 75, Dies; Noted Geographer And Map Expert

Col. Lawrence Martin, geographer and former chief of the Map Division of the Library of Congress, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 75.

Col. Martin, author of several publications, was a professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin when he entered the military service during World War I. He was later chosen by President Wilson to assist at the Paris Peace Conference in re-mapping Europe after that war.

The American Commissioners negotiating the peace, including Secretary of State Robert Lansing, Edward H. House and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, commended him for his services.

Authority on Glaciers.

Earlier in his career Col. Martin had become an authority on glacial studies in Alaska.

sultant for the United States Supreme Court and international tribunals in settling boundary disputes between Guatemala and Honduras, Peru and Bolivia and Wisconsin and Michigan. Supreme Court officials frequently



COL. LAWRENCE MARTIN.

called him their chief authority on such disputes.

During World War II, Col. Martin devoted much of his time to providing a map service to keep the public informed on the progress of the war. He was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services to do this job.

Held Various Offices.

Col. Martin was born in Stockbridge, Mass. He was graduated from Cornell University. He was a member of the American Society of Geographers and related organizations where he held various offices.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura Hatch Martin of the home address, 3126 Thirty-eighth street N.W., and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Berberich and Mrs. Radford Mobley, of Washington, and Mrs. Robert C. Storey of Boston.

Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday at Gawler's funeral home, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be Prof. Derwent Whittlesby of Harvard University, W. Osgood Field, jr., director of the American Geographical Society, Arch C. Gerlach, chief of the Division of Maps, Library of Congress, Richard S. Childs of New York, Richard Edes Harrison, cartographer with Time-Life Publications, Morgan M. Beatty, news commentator and Radford Mobley.

Deaths

WELCH, CARRIE HUDSON. On Saturday, February 12, 1955, at Washington Sanitarium, CARRIE HUDSON WELCH of 3600 Connecticut ave. n.w., beloved sister of Mrs. Helen H. Evans, Mrs. Teresa H. Summerall, Mrs. Marie H. Boteler, John T. Hudson and T. Wingfield Hudson. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w., on Tuesday, February 15, at 2 p.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. 14

WILSON, CALEB. On Friday, February 11, 1955, CALEB WILSON of 4645 Hayes st. n.e., husband of Mrs. Ivory Wilson, father of Mrs. Anna Louise Baker and brother of Mrs. Theresa McPherson. Other relatives and friends also survive. After 4 p.m. Monday, February 14, friends may call at the Frazier Funeral Home, 389 Rhode Island ave. n.w. Funeral services on Tuesday, February 15, at the Verbruycke Spiritual Church, 1009 8th st. n.w., Archbishop Vandell V. Gassow officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. 14

WILSON, DORA CAMPBELL. Departed this life suddenly on Friday, February 11, 1955, at her residence, 1903 15th st. n.w., DORA CAMPBELL WILSON, the devoted mother of Norman C. Wilson, grandmother of Norman C. Wilson, jr., and aunt of Mrs. Lula and George Jones. She is also survived by other relatives and friends. Remains

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

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Dear Fred,

A friend of mine in Washington just sent me this. Thought you'd be interested.

Say hello to Amy and the boys.

Loyal

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

419 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

8 July 1955

Dr. Fredrik T. Thwaites
41 North Roby Road
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Fred:

It is the custom of the Society, as you know, to print in its annual Proceedings volume memorials to its deceased Fellows and Correspondents. We are concerned with the selection of a memorialist to Lawrence Martin. Following the death of Colonel Martin, as usual we contacted the nearest of kin, in this case Mrs. Martin, with view of advice on the choosing of a memorialist. She recommended a person here in New York who, however, points out that he has known Martin only since 1941 and then largely in a literary and social relation. He specifically confesses no knowledge of Martin's geologic or glaciological contributions. We turn to you as the ideal person to write the memorial and we hope you will be willing to accept. Your selection as memorialist is agreeable from the standpoint of the Society.

If the manuscript were submitted by the close of this calendar year the memorial could without fail be printed in the Proceedings volume of 1955.

While the present guiding rule for length of memorials is "not more than 2500 words" I hope this will not frighten you. On the other hand, shall we strive for conciseness and choice of words which will make the man live on and yet "let the stature of the man determine the length of the memorial."

The bibliography to accompany the memorial should be restricted to scientific contributions (excluding reviews and abstracts). The memorial should be accompanied by a typical signature and a photograph suitable for reproduction, both of which we have in our files.

Author's copies will be furnished to you, and there would be about 25 copies for the family of the deceased. If additional copies were desired, the order should be placed at the time of filing the memorial.

Sincerely,

Crowder

Secretary

Regards by our T. Quay!

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419 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

Mr. Richard Moe Harrison
313 East 51st Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Harrison: RE: Memorial to COLONEL LAWRENCE MARTIN

I have delayed in replying to your letter of May 24 in which you so frankly stated that you are "poorly qualified for this task." As the Society feels that the memorial for our Proceedings volume should be prepared by one who is quite thoroughly acquainted with Colonel Martin's scientific career, we have been favored by willingness of Professor Fredrik T. Thwaites, a Fellow of the Society, who is of the Department of Geology at the University of Wisconsin, to prepare the memorial in large part. Professor Thwaites will no doubt consult with you and ask your assistance in including the literary projects in which Martin was engaged and also, perhaps, interesting and pertinent incidents connected with his social life. I know I speak for him when I say that any assistance you can give Professor Thwaites will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Secretary

cc.: Professor Thwaites ✓
Mrs. Lawrence Martin

The Catholic University of America

Washington 17, D. C.

November 28, 1955

Prof. F. T. Thwaites
41 North Robey Road
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Fred:

This is a quick reply to your letter of November 26. I'm sorry I flubbed on this, but I do have a carbon copy of the Martin Memorial manuscript, including both phases of the bibliography. I'm writing this at the office, and can't check the Martin material which is home. I may even have two carbon copies since I made several so as to have some for review by people here who knew Martin well.

I don't know how Carol's bridesmaid from Spain managed to be a bridesmaid at a Methodist wedding. There are two possibilities. Either she is not a Catholic, some Spaniards are not, or she ignored the rule which prohibits Catholics from taking active participation in a non-Catholic religious ceremony. Perhaps she is unaware of the restriction if she is a Catholic, for coming from Spain, she might be quite unaware of that sort of thing. Protestants are so few in Spain that she may never have heard of a circumstance such as this.

Cordially,

John

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419 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

December 8, 1955

Dr. F. T. Thwaites
41 North Roby Road
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Fred:

I have read and find little if any queries to put to you concerning the Memorial to Lawrence Martin. Thank you and Bertrand for a job well done.

On page one could we say "The 1904 field work was under the auspices of the U. S. Geological Survey, and in 1905 of the American Geographical Society." That is to eliminate the "expenses were paid". Or even under a grant? Or under direction.

I liked the way you brought in Martin's pipe and ax and your "graciously charming or disdainfully contemptuous." How true! It was well to cut out "He was an artist at ridicule." True, but why say it.

I see no reason to delete from the bibliography. These non-geological items indicate the development of a well-rounded intellect.

With Season's Greetings to you all,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Aldrich".

H. R. Aldrich
Secretary

4 December, 1955

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the carbon of the Memorial to Lawrence Martin. Any would not let me mail in the original copy of mine until assured that there was a copy. Now I will have to send it as soon as possible.

Bill and Carol were married in the Methodist church opposite the Teachers College in Milwaukee. Carol says her Spanish bridesmaid is only half Spanish and was born in this country and is not Catholic. Ssk She lloks very Spanish. They have been staying here since a week ago but are today at Carols home in Milwaukee. Bill dos not like this for their hours just do not fit with ours. They want to say out every night or rather early morning and retire very late. . They they get up with no time for breakfast. Bill flys to Fort Lewis near Tacoma on Tuesday morning. I suppose we will have to fix take him out. What he will do with his car afterward remains to be seen. A call to the Fort failed to find his orders. They promised to telegraph him when they come but no word yet. Carol is trying to go back to school days and stay here nights or should I say part of the mornings.

I have been roped into a docotrate exam in Geography. The diss ertation is on the broiler chicken industry of pelaware between Delaward and Chesapeake Bays. I have read the theis or should I say tried to read it. Otherwise things are quiet around Science Hall. I have revised and retyred two of my last reports I mean last year's reports. One is on subsurface geology and the other on ground water quality. The Journal of Geology editor died last summer and they are now without one running on papers he had taken in. Result, I have two other papers of mine with no place to send them. Nothing more has been heard on the Door peninsula report except th t they got it: Have you seen Hunts paper in Scientific Monthly on Carbon 14. He has much the same idea as mine that it is not reliable in a damp environment. He thinks of deposition of fresh organic matter, however rather than replacemnt of carbon by carbon which some do not think possible. Ho ever they are trying to keep thier courage up after spending so much on equipment. He makes the western equivalentspencimens kept in a dry environment just about twice as old as those from the Forest bed. Apparently our sketicism was justified also the doubts of the original results.

Bob is back now so suppose I will have to yeild this machine to him. We have to stay home today because Bill and Carol will be here or are to be here for a dack Supper tonight. Bob was re ading some letters I wrote hence the error in spelling.

Yesterday it snowed and then rained. Result the walks and streets are icy. Hope Bob and Carol find it sll right coming back from Milwaukee. Yesterday Bill skidded in the driveway and ~~manx~~ ended up with the car right across the road . He got Bob to help him out and was delayed in starting to Milwaukee. Also he recorded the wedding ceremony on tape and was trying to find a radio studio where they will put it on sisks. He finially left the tape with W.M. F. M: this is a very small station in the past End somewhere. on FM which many are abandoning.

Now I will have to help getting our lunch. I ought to addressing Christmas Cards but have not yet started. Buster recently had a displaced disc in his back but seems to have recovered now and is as full of pep as ever. His claws skid on the ice too which may be fortunate. Bob walked him this morning for I did not like to venture out. He gets along all right with Zellmer but is making hard sledding out of Chemistry. Their book is so easy I have not helped him. I have been studying up on modern chemistry myself!

Sincerely yours,

4 Dec. 55

Dr. H. R. Aldrich, Secretary,
The Geological Society of America,
419 West 117th St.,
New York 27, New York

Dear Crombie:

Enclosed please find the Memorial to Lawrence Martin by Ken Bertrand and Martin by Ken Bertrand and me. He had the help of several people in Washington who knew Martin in his later years. I put the references they dug up into my list from the bibliography of North American Geology by putting them in. You may want to cut some of these out for they are not on geology. Martin was strictly a geographer after he left Wisconsin in 1917. I think only two works of his are geologic after that date. He worked at Wisconsin before there was the distinction between geology and geography which now exists. In American Men of Science he does not admit being married twice. The fact that his first wife was the sister of his major professor leaves a rather obvious inference which we hinted at. I trust the manuscript is satisfactory. I have not the names of the Washington authorities other than Bertrand who worked with Martin on the Board of Geographic Names. That is they are at the office and not at home. If you want them I will look them up for you from letters.

Sincerely yours,

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27 July 1956

Dr. Fredrik T. Thwaites
41 North Roby Road
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Thwaites:

Reprints of the memorial which you and Dr. Kenneth Bertrand prepared in honor of Colonel Lawrence Martin will soon be mailed to you and to Mrs. Martin. They should be received in about a month. I hope they arrive in good condition. I have notified Mrs. Martin of early mailing of the reprints.

Sincerely,

J. May Lynch

J. May Lynch
Assistant -- Memorials

cc.: Dr. Kenneth Bertrand enclosed.