

NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY
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Dear Dr. Woodrow,

It was very nice indeed to receive your letter. I am in entire agreement with you and the president that new competent young men should be found in the fields of electronics, biophysics and optics immediately. I have been doing some work for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in connection with personnel just lately, of course this is not my principle activity. On the other hand, Barthel has become a full time personnel man. In this connection, Barthel and I have both made two or more trips into the Boston area because the direct military connected work is terminating more sharply than in this area. It may interest you to know that Mr. Dinger is acting in a similar capacity for the Naval Research Laboratory.

Since receiving your letter, I have been trying to reach Dr. Hendricks, but he and I have been out of town in turns and we phoned back and forth without contacting each other. I will have dinner or some equivalent visit with him and drop you a note as soon as possible.

As you probably know, the folks are in Boulder and have been very well (considerable hay fever but no asthma since being there).

By the time this reaches you, S. Legvold and Dr. Earls will no doubt be with you. They will have a point of view about the whole situation. I think that Sammy's desire to get his degree now if possible, is a very good plan. He and I considered the possibility of working with Dr. Allen. May I convey my best personal regards to all of my friends in the physics department.

Very sincerely yours,

J. V. Atanasoff

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P.S. I have reached Dr. Hendricks since writing the above. He is now a P-5 in civil service (about \$5300). He says he has been offered a P-6 several times but that this would make him an administrator and he wishes to avoid this. I asked him to outline his point of view on biophysics in a university, what the content should be, how it would need to be set up to interest him. He promised I would receive this in a few days and I will at once forward it to you. Hope this works out satisfactorily for you.