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Mr. R. Fred Chambers
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Dear Mr. Chambers:

I am happy to reply to your letter of 19 January 1950 in regard to Mr. Robert Orestes Ferner. I have been associated with Mr. Ferner for about twelve years. At the end of this period he had become one of the most outstanding technical workers of the Army Security Agency, which sustained a great loss when he had to leave this climate for the sake of his health.

Mr. Ferner has a very keen analytic mind, with a ready facility for translating and applying theoretical conceptions to practical applications in a field which required exceptional ability in scientific analysis, a fair knowledge of statistics and mathematics, and a working knowledge of mechanical, electronic, and electrical engineering.

With all of his ability, he is a modest and retiring man, even-tempered, and gets along exceedingly well with his co-workers. Everyone at the Army Security Agency had the highest regard for him, and professional jealousy of him was unknown.

I cannot vouch for his administrative ability, although I have no reason to doubt that he would not perform well here also. The reason for my lack of knowledge along this line is that his employment here was primarily concerned with technical and scientific problems of a research nature, and he was purposely relieved of administrative work to the greatest extent possible.

He is a man of the highest character, of unquestioned loyalty, and anyone employing him is to be envied.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN