

above mentioned salary. We ought to get some action on this within the next two or three weeks.

The second question is that Dr. Johnsen does not feel as though he would like to go this year. He wants to get straightened away with Hammermill, which I think he ought to be allowed to do, and also he wants to go to Europe next year to spend about six months there looking into the whole problem, in other words, preparing himself for the position as compared with his present work.

The matter of filling the chair this year, I think, is not important, provided we have assurance that he is coming next year. On the basis that he is coming, all arrangements could be made and he could be consulted at any time and would be available for all kinds of help during the coming year. I think that if the question of coming this year has anything to do with getting Dr. Johnsen we should agree to his coming next year.

I want to mention briefly some of Dr. Johnsen's qualifications with which you are perhaps not as familiar as the writer. Dr. Johnsen was assistant professor to Professor Schwalbe at Darmstadt for eight or ten years. He has worked in the Forest Products Laboratories at Montreal and his work there has attracted attention from all over the continent. Since going to Hammermill he has developed a laboratory internationally famous. At the present time fellowship men from Europe are coming to work in his laboratory at no salary, for the sole purpose of having worked under Dr. Johnsen. I think that he can be considered as one of the outstanding men in pulp and paper research at the present time. He is, furthermore, familiar with European and American practice both in commercial work and in the laboratory field.

I hope Colonel Jones will see things the way I do and will get the necessary action in connection with this appropriation. It is probable you will hear from Colonel Jones in this connection very shortly.

Yours truly,

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