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Dear Dr. Lettau:

Congratulations on your retirement! Dr. Wahl has told me of it and I wanted to write a short note in appreciation of your work on my Ph.D. committee. I can remember your comments as being helpful, educational, and constructive; aimed at giving me some new perspective on the work to add to it, rather than merely being a criticism of what and how I had done and written. As such, not only that thesis, but also my subsequent research ventures have benefitted from that critique.

Also, I remember taking and T.A.'ing your courses. You always presented intriguing information in a manner which provoked thought. I especially remember you micro-meteorology course. I was thankful for that solid background last summer when I suddenly found myself leading a 3-day field trip to study the micro-meteorology of a valley and pond area here in the Pocono Mountains!

Thanks again for your fine comments and instruction. Good luck and happiness in your retirement!

Sincerely,



Dr. Bruce F. Berryman, Chmn.
Department of Earth and
Environmental Sciences

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DIVISION OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

May 8, 1980

Professor Heinz Lettau
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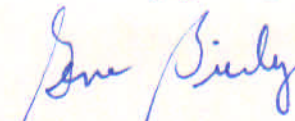
Dear Professor Lettau:

Recently, I received an invitation to attend a banquet honoring your retirement and that of Professor Schwerdtfeger on May 24, 1980. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend the banquet, but the invitation did prompt me to write you a note upon your retirement.

Actually, I did not know you were retiring until I got the invitation. Be that as it may, I do want to wish you happiness and good health in the future years. Your role in meteorology, especially in micrometeorology, has been profound. I recall as a graduate student at the University of Michigan how excited I was when the two volume set entitled Exploring the Atmosphere's First Mile was published. I recall only a short while ago how impressed I was with the report entitled Exploring the World's Driest Climate and so it has been over the years - the works of Heinz Lettau have been scientifically sound, tantalizing to the mind, and quite provocative. We meteorologists have been fortunate to have you lead us in many exciting research adventures.

Now the time has come not to cease that work, but, perhaps, to slow the pace and choose much more carefully what to do and, even more importantly, when you want to do it. We, here in the Atmospheric Sciences Division of the National Science Foundation, send you our very best wishes for the future. May the years ahead be many and fulfilling to you and your wife.

Sincerely yours,


Eugene W. Bierly
Director

812 S. JEFFERSON ST.
GREEN BAY, WI 54301
MAY 19, 1980

Dear Dr. Lettau:

This belated note is to tell you that I have, indeed, found a job. Since February I've been a meteorologist / forecaster for the Great Lakes Weather Service here in Green Bay. The job itself is interesting. We forecast for a variety of clients, mainly radio stations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. We also have several utilities, ski hills, and planning companies. We operate with a staff of five out of the studios of channel five in Green Bay, in return for which we provide the station with the forecasts for their weatherman.

Obviously, my advanced education is a big help in the forecasting, and I've noticed some intriguing local effects. By far the largest is lower Michigan. As it is virtually surrounded by water, during any reasonably cold arctic outbreaks accompanied by winds anywhere from West to Northeast, clouds hang in over the entire state, moderating the temperatures. The models never seem to pick this up, and neither does the Weather Service. Another effect is Green Bay, which either has a Northeast wind, or a Southerly one, because

of the bay. Needless to add, you managed to teach me to notice these small effects, and it certainly does make for better forecasts.

I understand your retiring at the end of this school year, and I want to congratulate you. Your guidance and assistance on my Master's degree, as well as your presence in Micro and the Friends of Climatology has taught me a lot. I hope you'll ~~continue~~ continue to explore the nuances and intricacies of climatology.

I've got to get back to work. Say hello to all the Friends of Climo for me.

Sincerely
Jim Bloch



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER TOPOGRAPHIC LABORATORIES
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30 April 1980

Dear Dr. Wahl,

I presume that when the male member of a meteorological family retires that this also includes his better half, as it has always appeared to me that the two Lettaus were always as close as a dry bulb thermometer and a wet bulb thermometer on a sling psychrometer. But I was never able to ascertain which one was the dry bulb! Over 35 years ago Dr. Lettau was a P.O.W. in my country, I was a P.O.W. in his country, but there is no one whom I respect more than Dr. Lettau and it is a great pleasure to be able to write him a letter of appreciation and to send both the Lettaus best wishes.

When I came back from two years in the Antarctic, 1957-58, with hundreds of rolls of L&N strip charts with countless little dots supposedly representing valid temperatures on two 10-meter micromet towers at Little America V and at the South Pole, the late Dr. Harry Wexler had a letter awaiting my return with the message to go to Madison to study and work under Dr. Lettau. There were already too many penguins at Madison with all of Woollard's geophysicists on campus, and I thought it might be nice to renew acquaintances with my Massachusetts based family. But I did go to Madison to show Dr. Lettau some of our data and we entered into a relationship which was to prove not only most beneficial to me, but also to the military and to our national government. I like to feel that his directed analysis of the South Pole micrometeorological data was and is the premier work of its kind for an extreme cold-dry environment. The late Dr. Herfried Hoinkes, speaking at the National Academy of Sciences 100th Anniversary Symposium at UCLA on Results of the IGY in August 1963 said "the thorough analysis of the data may be said to be the most remarkable contribution to glacial micrometeorology during the IGY-IGYC."

Several years later Dr. Lettau assisted us again in the planning and establishment of a micrometeorological program in a vastly different environment, the tropical, dry, evergreen forest of Southeast Asia. The site was on the northeast edge of the so-called Khorat Plateau in Thailand, and we had the pleasure this time of having both the Lettaus with us in the bush. Our program had matured, we now had two towers, they were 46 meters high, one was in a clearing, one was in the forest, and the data spilled out onto reels and reels of magnetic tapes.

But this was not the end of our association with Dr. Lettau, as we established a micrometeorological program at Plateau in the most remote highlands of East Antarctica. This high elevation, high latitude site has the lowest mean annual temperature of any place in the world, and a 30-meter tower was again instrumented with micrometeorological sensors. The program ran for two consecutive years, 1967 and 1968, and it was most successful due in large part to the participation of Dr. Lettau in an advisory capacity. This tower still stands above the snow surface in East Antarctica, and it probably represents one of the largest Lettau erections.

There have been many other bonuses associated with working with Dr. Lettau. We have been most fortunate in having many of his students working for us on the micrometeorological programs. Tom Frostman, Joe Zabransky, and Marty Sponholz all went into the field to run meteorological programs for us; Walt Dabberdt and Allen Riordan worked for us in the laboratory as did the above three. But over and above the great contributions that Dr. Lettau has made to the Army, they all pale in significance to the pleasure, the honor, the privilege of knowing both of the Lettaus on a personal basis. They are two of the nicest persons that I have ever met, and they both deserve a long and enjoyable retirement. Please convey this letter to them on Retirement Day with all our best wishes.

Sincerely,



PAUL DALRYMPLE

Professor Lettau,

I would like to formally extend my
congratulations and best wishes following the recent
announcement of your Emeritus appointment. It is
a privilege to be in Madison at this time and
to share in the proceedings which honour your
contributions to science and the world community.
I hope that you and your family enjoy this
newest phase of a distinguished career.

Best regards.

Rui Downer,

May 28, 1960.

Liese Lehmann -

18. 5. 50

im Februar wissen Ihnen sehr die
Oiten gelungen haben: Herr Landsberg
hat Hans und mir die Geschichte er-
zählt, die wir von Ihnen schon kannten;
sie war allerdings angereichert durch die
Schilderung Ihres Überfanges von Kanada
in die Staaten! Es war ein sehr unterhalt-
samer Abend; wir hat es viel Spaß ge-
macht, ihm zuzuhören.

John Untebach hat uns nun von dem
großen Ereignis am 24. erzählt. Und für
diesen Tag, diesen Abend sind unsere
Gedanken fast besonders bei Ihnen. An-
lässlich wären wir natürlich selbst da,
hätten später mit den Herren später
und Lehmann, wie es im fernen wächst.
Es fällt mir so vieles weiter ein, was
wir noch gerne mit Ihnen unternehmen
würden - vorerst aber heute einen sehr
heißigen Gruß mit der Nachfrage, was die
Europa-Reisepläne machen?

Ihre Dorothea Fittes *

+ Klaus

→ Hans meint, das
mit "Fittes" sei un-
glücklich - und recht hat
er!



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Professor Heinz H. Lettau
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Dear Professor Lettau:

On behalf of the Board of Regents, I am writing to express our most sincere gratitude for your 22 1/2 years of dedicated service to the University System and the citizens of this state.

As you are granted emeritus status, it is particularly appropriate to recognize your many accomplishments in the field of Meteorology. We all are justly proud of the University of Wisconsin System's national reputation for excellence. This stature has been attained through the achievements of a distinguished faculty, and your special contributions to those efforts are deeply appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board, to commend you for your commitment to the education of Wisconsin's young people and to extend to you our best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Herbert J. Grover
President

HJG:JAT

Department of
Atmospheric Sciences



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May 2, 1980

Dear Heinz:

Larry Slotta just informed me that you are retiring soon, and that your many friends and associates plan to mark the occasion in a suitable manner.

I recalled with Larry my visit in the winter of 1935-36 to the Geophysical Institute in Leipzig as the guest of Dr. Weickmann and how you and I met there. I also told him how you had reminded me of that earlier meeting when we first met here in the U.S.A., when you were with the AFCRC and I was at Round Hill. Another recollection of that Leipzig visit was Dr. Weickmann's introduction to me of "Danzig golden water." It must be more expensive now!

The whole field of the atmospheric sciences is greatly indebted to you for your many contributions. I am also personally indebted to you for your helpfulness in a number of ways, and on more occasions than you probably realize. Please accept my thanks.

Here's to many enjoyable years ahead for you and your family. Perhaps we will meet again in one of those years. I hope so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. Wendell Hewson".

E. Wendell Hewson
Professor

RELAX



JUST BECAUSE
YOU'VE RETIRED
FROM THE RAT RACE



Mary Woodhouse

Dear Dr. Zettlem:

I regretted not being at your retirement banquet to deliver my personal regards and congratulations.

I would just like to express my appreciation, again, Dr. Zettlem for the encouragement and support you provided me during my struggling years at U.W.

Currently, I'm still working for GEOMETRY although I have moved from Boulder to the main office in Gaithersburg, Md. This past year I have been working on two projects. One study included a comparative analysis of indoor and outdoor air pollution at twelve residences and two office buildings in the Boston area. I analyzed principal cationic pollutants and reveal toxic substances. The second study is still on-going and consists of a regional wind power assessment of the Southeast. This is a region by region ^{with} resources assessment of the U.S. sponsored by the D.O.E. Rick Barlett (I think you know him) is the overall director at Battelle in Richland, Washington!! The final product will be an atlas for each region.

NOBODY EXPECTS YOU TO GIVE UP NICE
OF RESEARCH!

I trust that I will have a chance to see you and Kate in the near future. In the mean time and always - the best of health and happiness - love those my books on the horizon ?!]

with warmest sincere regards
Joe



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June 4, 1980

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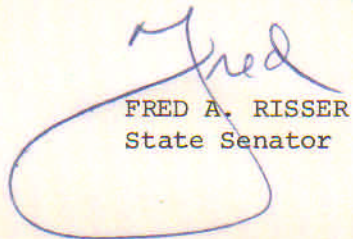
Dear Heinz:

Congratulations on receiving emeritus status at the University of Wisconsin-Madison!

I noticed the enclosed news clipping in the Wisconsin State Journal recently and thought you might like an extra copy.

Please feel free to contact me at any time on legislative matters of concern to you.

Most sincerely,


 FRED A. RISSER
 State Senator

FAR: jr

Enclosure

WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1980

Thirty-seven faculty members with total service of nearly 1,130 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will receive emeritus status.

The group includes:

Gordon C. Abrams, general library; Bettina Bjorksten, music; Eugene P. Boardman, history; Lee W. Crandall, civil and environmental engineering; Jonathan W. Curvin, communication arts, theater and drama; George H. Dury, geography, geology and geophysics.

Frances H. Grimstad, Medical School; Robert H. Grummer, meat and animal science, Aaron Ihde, chemistry and history of science; Walter H. Jaeschke, Medical School; Emma M. Jordre, family resources and consumer sciences; Donald W. Kerst, physics; Margaret A. Kohli, physical therapy; Joseph J. Lalich, Medical School.

Heinz H. Lettau, meteorology; Hilmar F. Luckhardt, music; Vilas W. Matthias, University Experimental Farms; Frederic E. Mohs, Medical School; J. Duain Moore, director emeritus, University Experimental Farms, and professor emeritus, plant pathology; Theodore Morgan, economics; Edward F. Obert, mechanical engineering.

Milton O. Pella, education; Edwina B. Petersen, business; Glenn S. Pound, dean emeritus, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and professor emeritus, plant pathology; Arthur H. Robinson, geography; George B. Rodman, English.

Chester H. Ruedisili, associate dean emeritus and professor emeritus, College of Letters and Science administration; Carl O. Rydberg, meat and animal science; Antonio Sanchez-Barbudo; Spanish and Portuguese; Edward J. Schantz, food microbiology and toxicology; Dorothy Schultz, general library.

Werner Schwerdtfeger, meteorology; A.C. Scott, theater and drama; William H. Sewell, sociology; James R. Villemonte, civil and environmental engineering; Wolfgang R. Wasow, mathematics; and J. Grove Wolf, physical education and dance.

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May 16, 1980

Professor Heinz H. Lettau
1307 Meteorology & Space Science
Campus

Dear Professor Lettau:

The Department of Meteorology and Dean E. David Cronon have recommended that your contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Madison be recognized by conferral of emeritus status upon your retirement. I am glad to concur in that recommendation, and glad to have the occasion to acknowledge your contributions as an excellent teacher and distinguished researcher.

The many national and international honors and awards you have received are genuine tributes not only to you but also to this University, whose cause you have so richly served.


I join your friends in the Department and throughout the University in the hope that your retirement years will be enjoyable and satisfying.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Irving Shain".

Irving Shain
Chancellor

IS:sm

Northern Illinois University 
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

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May 1, 1980

Dear Professor Lettau,

You can certainly retire with a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. Not only have you contributed a great deal to meteorological understanding, particularly in turbulence studies, but you have provided other Doctors Lettau to carry on the fine work. It has been a pleasure to know you, your wife and children.

Thanks for serving on my PhD committee. I'm very grateful that my dear Professor Schwerdtfeger helped me past the scrutiny of you, and Professors Wahl and Houghton. The atmospheric boundary layer was not my favorite subject, but I did become convinced of its importance. While I attended N Y U, Ben Davidson was one of my teachers and then to encounter you at Wisconsin certainly helped me in "Exploring the Atmosphere's First Mile."

All Wisconsin Meteorology graduates know about the bushel-basket experiment, later came the christmas trees. I suppose those illustrate that good work doesn't necessarily have to involve a lot of money. Carrying that a step farther and being careful to point at my own work, I'll state that some of it is good, for nothing. That sentence shows the need for good punctuation, and what do you put after the word retirement? A pause, semi-colon or exclamation point. One thing is certain, you can forget about grants and reports, but do as you like. What are your plans?

Anyway, thanks again.

Sincerely yours,



Allen Staver

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May 23, 1980

Prof. Heinz H. Lettau
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Dear Prof. Lettau:

Of course we know that the inevitable occurs and people retire. Even when we think that they are going strong and should be around forever. They are a part of our lives. Now it seems that your turn has come and that we are going to miss your presence and help.

Olive and I appreciate so much the help you have been in guiding the career of our son Dennis. And we join, we are sure, many others in wishing you a long and enjoyable time in your retirement.

Most sincerely,

John and Olive Thomson

John and Olive Thomson

Leise Kling, bei Kötter

Herrlich! Persönlich kann ich
nicht und für mich stehen
John. Ich mache es mit John
was in der Vorpostenunterstützung,
Klinische und psychologische
Frühjahrstag und auch die
Produkt. Die sind von einem
Sommer bis zum Sommer
hinein, da ich nicht ein
Dagor, Produkt von, und da
ich das in der Zeit von
nicht also kann ich es nicht
ein kleine Zeit von. Die Zeit
nicht hat in der Zeit
und dann ist es die Zeit.

Kick off your shoes.

Go walk in
the grass!



ration für Weiden am
Walden für Walden, die alle
in der Nacht in der
Walden: Walden
The Walden & Forest



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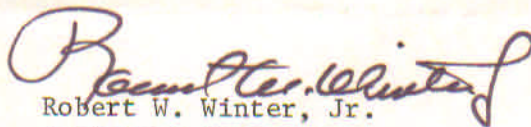
Professor Heinz H. Lettau
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Dear Professor Lettau:

At its meeting on Friday, June 6, 1980, the Board of Regents was presented with the names of those members of the System faculty and staff who had been granted emeritus status by the President and the Chancellors, effective July 1, 1980. The Board formally adopted the following resolution of appreciation for your service and requested that it be transmitted to you:

That, for their many years of dedicated service to higher education in the state of Wisconsin, the Board of Regents expresses its deepest gratitude to the members of the faculty and staff who have been granted emeritus status by the President and the Chancellors. Further, the Board of Regents extends to emeritus faculty and staff its best wishes for many productive years ahead.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Winter, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

RWW:sem
cc: Each Regent
President O'Neil
Chancellor Shain



The University of Oklahoma at Norman

School of Meteorology

and how one can derive profound universal laws from studying such everyday phenomena as the bending of a blade of grass in the wind, the formation of ridges on a snow-covered field, the occurrence of frost, the distribution of barchans on a Peruvian desert, etc. To use observations such as these and be able to develop a climatonic model which can accurately predict the surface climate of the moon and Mars is certainly a mark of your

Steve
Stephen Berman
Visiting Associate Prof

your door was always open to us. The freedom and responsibility you gave us as students were things I only fully appreciated with time. Looking back, I can truly say how fortunate I was to have had the good luck (sense had nothing to do with it at the time) to choose Madison for my graduate studies and even more fortunate to have had you as my major professor. And looking back, those were only the first of many good things that were to ensue: field research opportunities at Second Point, in India, and at Davis; the encouragement and support to continue graduate study beyond the two years I had originally intended; and an association with a fine group of people whose friendship I value very much.

Walt
Walter F. Dabberdt
Associate Director
Atmospheric Science Center



of turbulence that you possess. I remember Marg Hopkins and I investigating turbulent updrafts for your turbulence class - with the help of Christmas angel chimes. Little did I think that a few years later I would be showing a similar demonstration to my own students in Korea. (The students also appreciated the laminar-turbulent transition in cigarette smoke.) I think your simple demonstrations made turbulence more real to them than all the equations I wrote on the board.

Marian Duwe Hollingshead
Marian Duwe Hollingshead

perhaps the most significant was your slide show on 18 December 1969. You opened an entire visual world during that hour, which I had not previously seen for one reason or another, and thereby opened the door to what has been both extremely educational and deeply satisfying. While there has been joy in exposing and sharing a few interesting images over the years, seeing natural processes and their "footprints" has been a most rewarding fascination.

Dr. L. F. Hall, Senior Meteorologist
The Montana Energy and MHD Research
and Development Institute, Inc.
Post Office Box 3809
Butte, Montana 59701

Len

Harry L. Hamilton
Harry L. Hamilton
Associate Professor & Chairman

It hardly seems 20 years ago that I hit the fourth floor of that marvelously monstrous Science Hall, barely knowing how to spell meteorology, and not having the slightest idea of what sort of research work to begin. I was soon somewhat horrified to learn that I was to be assigned to the "Dean of Micrometeorologists" for my work! Couldn't I start with a little-shot rather than a big-shot?!

patience you managed to transform me and a polyglot group of other novices into a reasonably respectable experimental micromet group. We all revered you, and tried to absorb as much as we could from your classes, research group briefings, and individual sessions.



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astonished to find that my professor from Germany was one of the best writers of English that I had ever met! (Your constructive criticisms vastly improved my own writing style.)

Warren

Warren B. Johnson, Ph.D.
Director
Atmospheric Science Center



Furthermore, you weren't afraid to let us know that you were human. I'll never forget the time you "let your hair down" in that restaurant in Tombstone, Arizona, and told me about some of the hair-raising adventures that you had before you came to the U.S.!

I learned the scientific methodology from you, but I also learned from you the way to teach the next generation of scientists. It is a painfully laborious way, but it is the noble heritage of the academic community.

Ernie
Ernest C. Kung



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA

classes were enjoyable. We liked to listen to your accent, and we were forced to pay close attention to what you were saying to make sure that we didn't miss any of your subtle jokes that you slipped into the lecture.

Donald H. Lenschow
Donald H. Lenschow
Mesoscale Research Section
NATIONAL CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH
P. O. Box 3000 • Boulder, Colorado 80307



Ken
Kenneth P. MacKay, Jr.
Visiting Scientist
Source Receptor Analysis Branch

I most appreciate your emphasis on the aesthetics of our field. This example of technical excellence and humane appreciation has helped me not only in my own teaching but in what work I have been able to do to help preserve and improve our environment.

I really appreciated this protective support then and throughout my studies. It alone kept me going through the difficult times and, later, helped give me courage to stand up before those strangers in Bonn, speaking that strange tongue, at my first seminar there. Having you and Kate there those few months was really a pleasure. Of course, you had also encouraged that move "ueber den grossen Teich", a move which has had profound effects on my career.

Sharon Nicholson
Sharon Nicholson
Assistant Professor
Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

Thank you especially for making possible my year in the Dry Valleys and for arranging funding for me to pursue my doctorate.

Al R. Jordan
Al R. Jordan
Assistant Professor

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY | AT RALEIGH

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

of Climatology I feel that the most remarkable aspects of your personality as scientific advisor were your infinite patience to explain over and over again simple and complicated subjects, your unrestricted respect to student opinions no matter how wrong they were

Li Pina
José Rutllant Costa

DEPARTAMENTO DE GEOFISICA

FAC. CIENCIAS FISICAS Y MATEMATICAS
UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE - SEDE OCCIDENTE



you kept track of your students' performance on each exam question, and then gave us the opportunity to discuss each exam in your office. I appreciated too your willingness to allow students on their own just until they needed supervision.

Joe Shinn

Joseph H. Shinn, Ph.D.
Deputy Section Leader
Atmospheric and Terrestrial Studies
Environmental Sciences Division
Lawrence Livermore Laboratory

success I am enjoying now is directly attributable to the student contact I had with you and your staff. Your academic and research program helped me understand fluid mechanics as a discipline but also the rewards of applications involving crossfield or interdisciplinary problems.

I feel whatever

James K. Sparkman, Jr.
Larry S. Stotta, Ph.D., PE
Professor of Civil Engineering
Department of Civil Engineering



During preparations for, and the field phase of, the GARP Atlantic Tropical Experiment (1974), I had frequent occasion to work closely with the scientific staff of several Soviet research vessels, and especially the ACADEMICIAN KOROLOV. My "business" visits to these ships earned for me, I should say, the respect due a colleague, a co-participant in a large undertaking of value and perhaps historic significance. This state of affairs continued without any marked change until, one day in a casual conversation, I remarked that Professor Lettau had been my major professor at graduate school. "YOU had Professor Lettau as your major professor?" the Captain's cabin chorused. The tone and subsequent conversation conveyed the thought that I must be among the most fortunate of students. (I agreed.) Clearly, in their eyes, my stock had rocketed.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Maryland 20852



James K. Sparkman, Jr.
James K. Sparkman, Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY
Meteorology and Space Science Building
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The Peru expedition provided an opportunity to collect a unique set of micro-meteorological data which provided the material for my Ph.D. thesis, which I had been avoiding for some time. One of the memories of that process was to hand you some material which you would read very well. Then you would run across some impossible statement - say "Whew" and turn around in your chair and ask "How can you say this?" The other items I will never forget are my mixing up of than and then, and your patient explaining of the relationships between Deacon numbers and Richardson numbers.

Chuck

I remember fondly the field work we did on Lake Mendota under your supervision. We developed the laboratory in the cottage, and the tower in the lake which formed the base for the bushel-basket and Christmas tree experiments. The learning I gained there under you and Chuck Stearns has served me well. I continue to be active in field work as the director of the High Plains Experiment (HIPLEX) for the Water and Power Resources Service (formerly Bureau of Reclamation). In the summer of 1981 I will be a field co-director for the Cooperative Convective Precipitation Experiment (CCOPE) to be carried out by my agency, NCAR, and others. My ability to serve in these roles is, to a considerable extent, based on my experiences as your student at Lake Mendota.

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I had the good fortune to be introduced by such a member of the faculty, yourself, to the many wonders and challenges of "physical" meteorology. The privilege of several years of your astute and kindly guidance followed. Since, it has always been a matter of pride for me to be able to say "Heinz Lettau war meiner Doktorvater". But it is also only now as a faculty member of some years' experience that I really understand the value of the "Lettau approach": in teaching, the beauty of simplicity in organization and presentation; and in research, the benefits of subtly guiding an independent effort.

Memories of Madison are with me often. It was for me a time of rich experience and, overall, of happiness. Of course, in the memories, there is a large micrometeorological element; amongst others, Christmas trees, bushell baskets and a pink jeep on the ice and an instrumented concrete slab surrounded by summer pasture and corn. I'll always count it a great privilege to have been associated with you and Chuck in those pioneering days of the early 1960's.

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I seem to recall that your role in my life, during the first year I spent at U.W., was closer to an adopted "Papa" than that of a teacher or scientist! After bumbling around for nine months, trying to develop a field research program, I became very frustrated. I was about to throw in the towel when you sat me down and wisely pointed out that research does not always mean obtaining original data! After that, it was on to Lake Hefner and the "Chicken Coop"! Your encouragement and understanding were never more appreciated, Dr. Lettau.

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I have some very special memories of the mellow evenings of "Gemütlichkeit" that you and Kate hosted for us in your home; you are both warm and gracious friends. It is, also, a joy to see the professional partnership and personal companionship that you both share and enjoy so much together!