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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

I'm sure you will be surprized to hear from me. I hope that you are still with WHO and that you receive this letter.

I am writing to ask for your help with regard to information about positions available at the U.N. I am interested in an "administrative" position; a vague term, I know, but I suppose I mean to indicate a position which has some kind of solidity, responsibility and possibility for advancement.

Let me fill you in on what I have been doing since I knew you: I completed my B.A. at Hunter College in 1969, and got my M.A. and Ph.D. in English at Rice University, Houston, in 1971 and 1973 respectively. Since then I have been teaching half- and three-quarter time at Villanova University, Pa., and I find being part of the Ph.D. teaching "glut" very frustrating. So much so, in fact, that I've decided to leave the academic field and pursue a career in the "business" world--hence my letter to you. This is not a sudden decision; I've been contemplating it for at least a year. The humanities, I'm afraid, is a vanishing species, and I feel I must be a realist about this fact.

I enclose the curriculum vitae which I send for teaching positions, merely to give you an indication of my academic background. I am, of course, conversant with lots of office procedures also, and feel perfectly capable of learning anything new which went along with a job. Clearly, because of my training and experience, my abilities with language and with dealing with people (through teaching) have been well developed.

I hope you do not mind my writing to you like this, on a purely business level. If you think it would be suitable, perhaps we could arrange to meet to discuss this matter, and also exchange some mutual information about our lives since we last met--which must be about 8-9 years ago now. It is only a 1½ hour train-ride to New York from where I live. I thank you in advance, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Olive Ledlie

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL

Name: Olive Ledlie
Address: 18 Williams Road, Haverford, Pa. 19041
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Date of birth: 5/16/40
Nationality: British

EDUCATION

1969-74: Ph.D., M.A., Rice University, Houston, Tx.
1964-69: B.A. magna cum laude, Hunter College,
New York; Major: English; Minors: History,
Classics

DISSERTATION

"George Eliot's Narrative Technique in the
Dramatic Delineation of her Mentors"
Director: Professor Robert L. Patten
The dissertation examines the stylistic devices and
narrative modes George Eliot used to make her ex-
tensive philosophical and religious ideas
"thoroughly incarnate," while simultaneously ful-
filling her didactic intention.

ACADEMIC HONORS

1972-73: NDEA Fellowship
1970-72: Rice University Graduate Fellowship
1969: Phi Beta Kappa
1969: Honorable Mention Woodrow Wilson
Fellowship
1967-69: Member of English and History Honors
Societies, Hunter College
1965-69: Dean's List, Hunter College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1974-77: Part-time Instructor at Villanova
University, teaching two or three courses
of Freshman Literature and Composition
each semester.
1975-76: Part-time Instructor at La Salle College,
teaching one course in English
Composition (Honors) each semester.
1969-73: As a graduate assistant and NDEA Fellow
at Rice University I taught Freshman
English and some advanced classes in
the Victorian novel.

PUBLICATIONS

"Caleb Garth in Middlemarch and George Eliot's
Meliorism." Research Studies, June, 1975
"The Reverend Irwine in Adam Bede: Free-will
Versus Determinism." Research Studies, June, 1977
"The Victorian 'Immanent' Narrator: a New Look
at Romola's Failure." (Submitted)
"George Eliot's Narrative Technique." (in preparatio
"Mrs. Garth: George Eliot's Evaluation of the Woman'
'Vocation' in Middlemarch." (in preparation)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professor Robert L. Patten, Rice University
Professor Monroe K. Spears, Rice University
Professor Alan Grob, Rice University
Professor William S. Dowden, Rice University
Professor William Bowman Piper, Rice University
Professor Joseph McGowan, Villanova University
Professor Charles Kelly, La Salle College

CREDENTIALS

Complete dossier available:
Rice University Placement Office
Rice University
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