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September 10, 1981

Dr. Benjamin H. Newcombe
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Dear Dr. Newcombe:

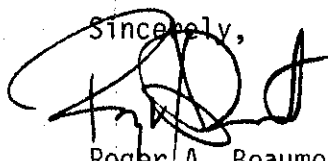
I am writing in support of the candidacy of Mr. Paul Cecil for the position in US and US military history.

Paul has been with us as a PhD candidate, both as a fellow and a lecturer, and I can testify from personal experience -- he has guest lectured for several members of the department including myself -- that he is possessed of a motivation, skill and energy in regard to classroom teaching that makes him a "top five percenter" in that category of academic endeavor. This semester, it was necessary for me to be out of the country during the first week of class, Paul handled the difficult start-up of my course in military thought, and the students were visibly eager to plow into what is the most rigorous undergraduate course that I teach.

In respect to research, Paul organizes, synthesizes and writes at a very high level. While he professes to be mainly interested in teaching -- a perhaps universal and not at all unhealthy attitude among graduate students -- I believe that when he hits his stride in an academic career that he will be surprised at his capacity in this area. I will not. This is not to be construed as damning with faint praise.

In summary, I envy Paul his energy and his natural talents, and commend him to you most heartily.

Sincerely,



Roger A. Beaumont
Professor of History

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September 11, 1981

Mr. Paul F. Cecil
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College Station, Texas 77840

Dear Mr. Cecil:

Thank you for your application for the U.S. Military history position in this department. Enclosed is a form for affirmative action purposes which we would appreciate your completing.

Some additional items are needed to complete your application also. Please take appropriate action to have these forwarded to us:

Full credentials from A&M, including Record of Graduate courses taken, Letters of Recommendation.
Also, please send sample chapters from your dissertation and manuscripts of unpublished articles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. H. Newcomb".

Benjamin H. Newcomb
Chair, Search Committee

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