

November 17, 1937

La Marquese Rosalia De Gregorio
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Palermo, Italy

Dear Madam:

Please pardon me for writing this letter in English but unfortunately I have no opportunity to have it translated into Italian for your convenience.

I have in the past tried to obtain at various European bookstores the most excellent memoir on the Eocene fauna of Alabama of your illustrious father. However, I have had no success and it seems that this valuable book is not easily available. We are here in Texas very much in need of such a memoir because the Tertiary of Texas is closely related to the Tertiary of Alabama and without the study of the Tertiary of Alabama we cannot make any progress in the Tertiary of Texas. Is it by any chance possible that there are still some copies of that memoir present in Palermo? If this be the case you could rest assured that you would do a great service to us and the science of paleontology if you were so kind as to send us a copy for which we would naturally be glad to pay.

I also notice that in the library of your illustrious father there were present two copies of T. A. Conrad's work on the Eocene fossils of Alabama. This work is at present unobtainable in this country, and it has been a matter of great difficulty to us here in Texas to obtain use of such a copy. I wonder whether these copies are still in your possession and whether they are being actively used. If they are not actively used would it not be possible to obtain these? You will realize that I am posing this question merely in order to expedite the scientific work on the Eocene of Texas. You will realize that a new institution such as The University of Texas has immense difficulty in obtaining the older literature which is of very much importance for future scientific work.

Please excuse me for writing this letter, but I hope you will realize that this letter is merely written from the point of view to add science.

I remain

Your obedient servant,

Dr. H. B. Stenzel, F.G.S.A., Geologist