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Dr. Martin F. Glaessner
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Dear Dr. Glaessner:

Recently I have been assembling all biographical data concerning living Nautilus, that is, depth, temperature, geographical distribution, foot, etc. Unfortunately, published data are very meager, particularly those concerning geographical distribution. In the course of this compilation, it occurred to me that you might have some first hand observations on Nautilus. Perhaps Nautilus occurs in the vicinity of Port Moresby and you have been able to make some observations. If I am not asking for too much, I would appreciate it greatly if you could write me about any information that you might have.

I have not worked too much on fossil crustaceans recently; however, I just finished a small paper on some very poorly preserved Cenomanian crustaceans from Texas that the U. S. Geological Survey had collected. The only thing of interest in it was a carapace of what I think is a new genus of swimming crab. There is a great deal of material here that I am going to work on if I get time for it.

Your textbook of micropaleontology has been well received here, and I have heard many good things about it. With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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