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Dear Doctor Stenzel:-

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Dr. Sewell H. Hopkins of the Department of Biology tells me that Hemming has petitioned the International Commission to invalidate all oyster names prior to 1818 or so, and to validate Gryphaea as the genus name for the common living Portuguese oyster. All this may be a little bit garbled for I am giving it from memory of a telephone conversation. In any case, according to Doctor Hopkins the information is contained in a recent issue of the Quarterly Review of Biology in an article written by Dr. P. Korringa. We don't have that journal here and it will be several days before I can come to Austin. This matter will probably be of as much, if not more, interest to paleontologists than anyone else, and I am giving it to you so that you can initiate whatever action you think should be taken.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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