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Mr. E. W. and Mrs. D. S. Gifford
2535 Le Conte Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir :

I regret that I do not have any live olive shells collected from the coast of Texas. In fact, I have done practically no collecting of live material. The mollusks which I collect are fossil Tertiary mollusks collected in the beds of the Gulf Coastal Plain. I do not know whether you would be interested in obtaining fossil material; say fossil olives from Texas. They are, as you know, ancestral to some of the living species found in the Gulf today. In case you are interested, I would be glad to exchange with you. I am keeping your list until I hear from you about this proposition.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel, Geologist

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