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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Some years ago, when I was at the University of Texas, you told me about the remains of Desmostylus that had been collected from the Miocene of Texas. At that time, you said that you had given it to someone who would take care of it, and that the material would not be lost to science; I did not ask you then where the material was deposited.

In your paper with Turner (1944), ? Desmostylus is listed. Workers since that time have questioned the identification and the existence of such a specimen.

The record is again questioned by Mitchell & Reppening in a recent publication (December 30, 1963).

I would appreciate your telling me the present location of the specimen, if you would; this Texas record is most important. I talked with Dr. Case about it before he died, and he mentioned that in our own collection was ~~a tooth~~ <sup>part of</sup> (enamel) from the Miocene of Maryland that had an enamel structure like that of Desmostylus. Unfortunately, he had forgotten to whom he had given the fragment for sectioning, and he and I were both unable to locate it or any correspondence concerning it before he died. The fragment had never been catalogued.

With best wishes for 1964, I am

Sincerely yours,

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