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Dear Dr. Keen:

Thank you for your informative letter of June 20. If I may speak up on something that is not my business at all--apologies to everyone concerned--, the Chavan situation is difficult and requires patience. May I suggest (again with apologies) to let this matter lie for several months more to give Chavan a chance to calm down and turn the matter over in his mind. It is good for the Treatise to have many authors residing outside the U.S.A.; in that way, its international western-civilization aspect would be enhanced. That consideration seems to me very important. Obviously, the Treatise will be used in very many countries and for a long time to come. It will win respect from those who use it, just like the Zittel did for Germany.

Then, one must take into consideration that France and Frenchmen are very jittery right now. How would we feel when one million of our countrymen would loose their homes and positions and would stream back destitute to the U.S.A.? The debacle in Algeria is enormous. Perhaps in three or four months the outlook will be better.

Thank you for information concerning Somalidacna Azzaroli, 1958. For the present, I am unable to look it up because there is no copy of the Palaeontografia Italiana in Houston, although we have here three so-called universities. If it looks like an ostreid, it should be discussed in the Ostreidae chapter.

For your information a copy of a recent letter is enclosed; it may be of some interest to you.

The job situation in geology is still very tight. I would have liked to see Lee Smith find a place with Shell, but it was impossible to do anything.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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