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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

So nice to hear from you again. I have just returned from a trip to Washington where I had gone to check species with types available there. The trip accounts for the delay in my answer. I ran into Mrs. Kellough up there. She was also checking species on a deep water facies of the Paleocene in Texas, and since I was polishing off a paper on the Paleocene deep-water fauna of west Florida we had several pleasant discussions on the subject of variations and similarities in our microfaunal assemblages.

To answer your question in regard to an "early" picture of Helen Plummer to be used in connection with your manuscript on the history of the stratigraphy of the Midway Group of Texas, I am sorry to have to tell you that in spite of the fact that the Plummers were very close friends we never had pictures of either of them. I think both of them, particularly Helen, were camera shy. The only picture I recall seeing is the one published in the "Symposium for the 1951 field trip sponsored by the East Texas Geological Society." I believe Frank Lozo was largely responsible for that publication and since he was so fortunate as to procure the picture published in that report he might be able to furnish a clue to the possible existence and location of other pictures still available.

The pictures you remembered were snap shots of what was probably the first Gulf Coast field trip. It was led by John Suman, who took a group of Houston geologists over late Tertiary outcrops in the Texas coastal region. Helen and Ted had not returned from their sojourn in Europe at that time. I think the date was sometime in 1922. I do have some snap shots of that trip, but the Plummers were not present. I also have one of the very rare pictures of E. T. Dumble, and one of Prof. Cummings.

I hope you are enjoying your connection with the research division of the Shell Oil Company and that you are happy in the tasks assigned to you. Give my best regards to your lovely daughters. Sorry I couldn't help out with the pictures of Helen Plummer.

Sincerely,

E. R. Applin