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Dr. R. Lagaeij  
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Dear Dr. Lagaeij:

By now all the various parcels of fossils from Nigeria are at hand, including the one you brought, they have all been cleaned and identified. There are quite a number of undescribed forms among them. I am sure happy to have this fine material and appreciate greatly the work you and your friends have done in collecting the material. By Gulf Coastal Plain standards it is a very strange looking fauna.

In the meantime I sent you two bryozoa from Paleozoic limestone in the Glass Mountains of Texas. They are silicified and were etched out of the limestone.

Now I am sending you a collection from the Viesca member of the Weches formation at Smithville, Bastrop County, Texas (locality No. 11-T-2). Many of the Bryozoa are attached to Yokasula smithvillensis smithvillensis (Harris), Pachecoa (Pachecoa) smithvillensis Stenzel & Twining, Grassatella brannaniana Harris, and Venaricardia planicosta Lemarec. For description of some of these pelocypods see Univ. of Texas Publication 5704.

Only one locality at a time is being sent to you, so there will be no mix-ups possible in case the customs officers open the package. Please return some identified specimens to me.

Work here is going on as usual. I am still working on the Midway group, which is becoming more fascinating every day.

With my warmest regards

Sincerely,

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