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Dear Don:

Finally, the publication on the oysters is nearing the end of its preparation. If everything falls into place as it ought to, the Volume 3 of the Bivalvia of the Treatise of invertebrate Paleontology -- consisting of the "Oysters" -- should appear in print this year.

It has been a terrible millstone around my neck, and will I be glad to see it in print. Now I can return all the oyster specimens which were borrowed from various institutions. Yesterday (May 1, 1969) we shipped by air-mail the three specimens of *Ostrea cucullata* var. *cornicopiae*-forms Saviile-Kent (~~possibly type specimens of Saviile-Kent~~) to you. I hope they arrive safely. They are going to be illustrated in the Chapter on Oysters with an appropriate credit live for you and the Australian Museum. I am very grateful to you and the Museum for lending these specimens to me. They made it so much easier for me to understand the genus to which they belong.

Incidentally, there is an earlier generic name available for Iredale's Saxostrea, it is Saccostrea Dollfus & Dentzenberg, 1920. I believe it is phylogenetically separate from Crassostrea from which it can be readily separated on anatomy and shell architecture.

With many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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