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Dear Ray:

Teyler's Museum in Haarlem, Netherlands, has been most kind to lend me some fossil oysters for work on the Treatise. Most specimens are representatives of the various type-species. Now Dr. C. O. van Regteren Altena, the paleo curator, is pressing for an early return of the material. I have already returned two specimens to him; these were types to Faujas St. Fond, [1802?], and the only specimens in the loan that had been illustrated before. If I have to spend my time now in gathering up the borrowed material, I cannot possibly prepare my manuscript in the order and sequence of work which is best for its completion, and the material would have to be returned without being photographed for the Treatise or even used as paradigms for descriptions. The latter is particularly important to the Treatise, because collections of fossil oysters everywhere are provincial and inadequate for the status of the Treatise. Only by such borrowings can one obtain an adequate picture of genera not found in Texas.

Would you have the kindness to write in your most persuasive and impressive manner to van Regteren Altena not to press for an early, untimely return of the loan. Such a letter would be most helpful to the Treatise.

With thanks for your help

Cordially,

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