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Mr. Francis Hemming,
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Regent's Park, London, N.W.1,
England.

Dear Mr. Hemming:

RE: Baluchicardia

On February 8th, 1957, I addressed a letter to W.I. Follett soliciting his opinion regarding the pelecypod name Baluchicardia. My letter and the inclosures indicated are submitted herewith. The questions raised were these:

1. What is the status of the name Baluchicardia, and
2. What is the type species of the subgenus?

Mr. Follett was kind enough to consider these questions and on February 19th, 1957, wrote to me stating that the subgeneric name Baluchicardia "derived no status in nomenclature from the appearance of the above-mentioned (Rutsch, Eclog. Geol. Helv., 1943) paper". Further, he pointed out that there was no designation or indication of either species (ameliae and beaumonti) as type. A photo-copy of Mr. Follett's letter is also attached hereto.

On February 26th I replied (photo-copy enclosed) pointing out that Tessier (Bull. Dir. Mines, Gouv. Gen. de l'Afrique Occ., Fr., No. 11, Dakar, 1952, p. 335) used this combination: Cardita (Baluchicardia) of. viquesneli d'Archiac., and that Verastegui (Palaeon. Americana, vol. 3, No. 25, 1953, p. 40, considered that the species beaumonti belongs in the subgenus Glyptoactis.

Replying to that letter, Mr. Follett suggested that I should solicit your opinion. I am acting on the suggestion because I had been acting on the belief that Baluchicardia was a nomen nudum.

After that interchange of correspondence, I received a paper on "Pelecypods from the type locality of the Stone City beds (Middle Eocene) of Texas" by H.B. Stenzel, E.K. Krause, and J.T. Twining, University of Texas Publication No. 5704, February 15th, 1957. On page 106, one reads this statement:

"Glaibornicardia is probably a descendant of the much-discussed "Cardita beaumonti" group, which has recently been proposed as a new subgenus of Venericardia under the name of Baluchicardia Rutsch & Schenck (in Rutsch, 1944, p. 155). The type species of Baluchicardia is V. (B.) beaumonti (D'Archiac & Haine) from Pakistan".

Mr. Francis Hemming.

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I solicit your judgment regarding the status of the name of Baluchicardia and the status of the type species. Naturally, I should like to quote your opinion in print.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. W.I. Follett