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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Several years ago I looked for the Tar Kiln Creek site but the description did not jibe. A geologist with the Lumber Co. at Diboll had also tried to find the site but apparently was unsuccessful. Have you ever been there? I may try once again this summer but it seems clear that the site is not where Dumble said it was.

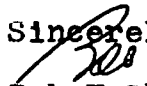
As soon as school starts my wife and I plan to trip through Louisiana, Miss., Alabama, and Georgia seeking sites to work next summer. Have any ideas? Pliocene, Miocene, Eocene, or Cretaceous will be OK. I hope for mammals but will settle for fish. Miocene marine would be most interesting. In the Eocene and Cretaceous brackish or freshwater would be better.

A prof. at Mobil found a ricj bone bed said to be in the Citronelle last year but sent the bones to the U.S. National Museum. I saw the bones there and some were in matrix that obviously would have rodents. The trouble is Alex Wetmore at U.S.N.M. considers the site his now, even though he has alienated the landowner, so I cannot run under him. Even so, if there is one site there must be another. Any ideas?

We will look for the fish scale zone you suggested in Brazos County.

We should be moving in our new research wing within about a month. It will really be something. You should visit and see what can be worked out. Five stories without a single classroom. All graduate and research work.

Sincerely,


Bob H. Slaughter