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Dear Doctor Stenzel:

It hardly seems possible that it has been almost a year since last year's seminar ended. That was a memorable experience, but I wish now I could have participated this year instead because of the carbonates being included.

Not long after my return from the seminar, I was put to work on Paleozoic and Precambrian of the New Braunfels Trough - quite a switch from the Oligocene and Eocene of the Rio Grande Valley.

How have you and the girls been? I seldom hear news of you.

Your E+PR Publication No. 258 on the Damian brachiopod came through this morning. It is quite interesting and has a Stenzelian thoroughness. I did notice one small error in printing which you have probably caught. On page 14, fifth line from bottom, "are known to secrete shells composed or aragonite."

You really surprised me by not jumping on me about the mess that came out on Stone City in Gulf Coast SEPM Type Localities Unit I. I plead

not guilty on at least some charges. I was not correctly informed - the original instructions were to keep the report limited to one page. I received permission to expand to two pages. The text was whittled to as little as possible. Our best draftsman did a wonderful job on the illustrations. We put the figures and text together, ready for offsetting as called for in the instructions. Then, BANG, here comes the mess spread out over four pages with half the space wasted, the text rewritten and not as neat, the illustrations sloppily redrawn with four major errors on the columnar section in beds e, r<sub>1</sub>, v, w and x. I'm sorry that one of your favorite formations suffered such mistreatment.

John Twining is our Cretaceous expert here and quite busy. My work keeps me busy, but my understanding of the "Schist Ridge", Ouachita foldbelt, foreland facies, Devils River Uplift, etc. becomes more confused with each well. I just returned from a visit to our Abilene office. They seem just as confused. I have not seen Pete Flawn's opus magnum yet - perhaps it will help.

We hope you survived Carla with no damage. The damage here was slight, although we miss the Padre Island causeway.

Just wanted to say Hello. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Erwin