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Dr. H. B. Stenzel, Geologist
The University of Texas
Bureau of Economic Geology
Austin, Texas

Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Your letter of January 3 received and I appreciate your remarks in regard to our publication.

I am especially appreciative of your kindness in offering to act as a sponsor for my application for membership in the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. I deem it a very distinct compliment that you think I am worthy of membership in this organization and I shall, indeed, be glad to make application for membership at a near date. Meanwhile, I shall be very grateful if you can send me a list of the Society's membership in order that I may write to other members to obtain the two additional sponsors. Unfortunately, we do not have these publications on file here at the office. If you do not have a list of membership available, can you tell me who may be members from Indiana University as that is my Alma Mater.

It is noted that you would like to have some of the Midway fossils from the Middleton locality in Hardeman County and I shall be very glad to try and supply you with these at the first opportunity.

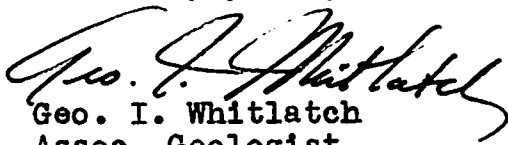
Yes, Dr. Huddle and I were in school together at Indiana during our graduate years. We were very close friends and, in fact, did considerable field work together in various parts of the State. At that time, we were especially interested in the Devonian problems but had to forego the pleasure of doing very much constructive work on this because of inability to obtain very badly needed funds. We applied to the National Research Council for a grant-in-aid to continue the work but this was turned down. Then, I left Indiana to come to Tennessee, which put the finishing touches on all thoughts

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of finishing the studies we had begun. The recent symposium on the Devonian which I attended at the dedication of the Illinois Geological Survey building showed several workers, such as Dr. Sutton, to be adding considerable new information on this problem.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,


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Assoc. Geologist

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