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Mr. F. A. Burt, Secretary  
Texas Academy of Science  
Geology Department  
A. & M. College  
College Station, Texas

Dear Mr. Burt:

I am writing this letter on behalf of a somewhat delicate situation concerning the Texas Academy of Science.

Recently the Highway Department has opened up gravel pits near Round Rock where there are many kitchen middens on the surface. Dr. Pearce has taken Dr. Sellards to that place and Dr. Sellards has in the last few days investigated the geology of the terraces very carefully and has come to very important conclusions which, of course, are not as yet known to anybody.

Now I understand that Dr. Pearce is going to give a paper at the Academy meeting either as a talk or by title in which he includes the kitchen middens of Round Rock. Naturally since nobody outside of Dr. Sellards knows much about the geology of the region he does not realize how important the geology in this particular case is. Dr. Sellards feels very shy of giving a separate paper on the Round Rock remains on account of Dr. Pearce's being already on the program with a similar paper.

I think it would be very good for the meeting of the Texas Academy of Science to have both men give a paper together on this Round Rock field. Would it be possible for you to suggest to Dr. Pearce and Dr. Sellards to give a common paper with Dr. Pearce perhaps as principal author? I believe this would be the best way of handling it. Otherwise, Dr. Sellards would not say anything at all at this meeting and give his results later on at the Geological Society of America meeting and that would split this important information and make it available only at two different places, one of which is difficult of access for the average member of the Academy in Texas.

I am temporarily in Austin and on my way to the Laredo meeting of the San Antonio Geological Society. Later on, that is, about the 6th or 7th of November, I will return to Leon County. My address in Leon County is Centerville, General Delivery.

Cordially yours,

H. B. Stenzel, Geologist