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Dear Dr. Bowden:

Thank you for your letter of 5th. Feb. 1969 and your interest in my publications on Mollusca. Some of the separates of these publications are no longer available. However, I have had copies made of some of the oyster papers so that you are receiving a nearly complete set of my work on oysters. The oysters are my latest interest and I am working strenuously on a volume on "Oysters" for the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology where it will appear as volume N 3 (Mollusca).

I have been very fortunate in discovering many new data and conclusions. Paleontology and neontology have dovetailed in many places and have enabled me to form new ideas of classification and phylogeny. I am proposing a new classification of the various genera based on phylogeny, internal anatomy, and larval features. The enclosed separates will also show you that the old idea that the oyster shell consists entirely of calcite and contains no aragonite is erroneous.

If you can see to it that I receive copies of publications on oysters, old or new, I shall be grateful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

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