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Dear Heinryk:

We are well advanced towards completion of manuscript on the systematic part of the section on pelecypods for the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. I am writing you now, at the beginning of 1957, to inquire whether you are able to give me a reasonable estimate of the amount of time which you will need to complete work on the family Ostreidae. It has been more than a year since you told me that you were about 60 per cent complete on the work and although you surely have been under a heavy burden during the past few months, I am hopeful that you may be nearing completion of your manuscript. I would appreciate it very much if you would indicate a date before which you expect to complete the work.

With best wishes for a prosperous 1957, I am as ever

Cordially yours,

Norman D. Newell