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Dear Wendell:

Thank you for sending me copies of your "The Panama land bridge as a sea barrier" and "Endemism on Middle Miocene Caribbean Molluscan faunas." Both look very interesting to me and I am looking forward to a quiet period of time when I can concentrate on reading and digesting them. It looks to me that your retirement from the survey has had a very good effect on the substance of your thinking. Your work is less dry and descriptive and more stimulating and idea-full. If I am correct, good for you and for us, the readers. I do hope you will continue to publish with the well-established Woodringian diligence. You can do us a lot of good.

I am now sitting in the office formerly occupied by Grover Murray, which I have inherited. It is nice, large, airy, and well lighted. It seems that the move to LSU, which I made on February 1, 1967, was a good. The staff seems to be composed of pleasant people, or I have not yet had time to discover the cockleburrs. The library here is surprisingly complete, thanks to the long-sustained efforts of Heinie Howe and Dick Russell. It is about 4 times as good as the ones in Houston and on a par, or even better, with the geology library at Austin. That will help my future work considerably. I am determined to put out some publications. Too many facts and ideas have accumulated in the last 40 years to be abandoned.

With my warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

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