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Dr. Homer P. Rainey, President,
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Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The accurate correlation of geologic formations is of great importance to the geologist, and to facilitate this problem committees have been set up by the various geological societies, including the A. A. P. G. These committees serve principally as agencies for gathering data, but they lack facilities for coordinating and disseminating their information. It is the opinion of the Committee on Geologic Names and Correlations of the South Texas Geological Society that this purpose can best be accomplished by the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas.

A special effort is being made at this time to coordinate the usage of names and correlations in the Gulf Coast. Our principal difficulties have been due to divergent views on the relationships of the Vicksburg, Frio, Marine Oligocene, and Catahoula. A member of the Bureau Staff who is able to collect data from all possible sources, including some checking of type localities and other field observations, would be in position to contribute much to the solution of the problem. Dr. H. B. Stenzel appears to be the best qualified and most logical individual to undertake this responsible task. It will require considerable time and effort, but the establishment of an acceptable correlation would greatly facilitate the work of the oil geologists. This is particularly important at the present juncture when there is imperative demand for new oil discoveries to bolster our reserves for war purposes.

Yours very truly,

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Original signed by
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Dr. Stenzel