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Dear Mr. Whitlatch:

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of December 6 and the reprints of your paper. I would like to thank your department also for sending one of the bulletins free of charge.

I think your bulletin 49 is very fine. I wish we had the equipment to start a practical report like yours. Luckily paleontologic and stratigraphic information is in great demand here among the petroleum geologists. Therefore, our type of work fits in very nicely.

For the same reason, I am much interested in the paleontology and stratigraphy of other Coastal Plain states including Tennessee. Your stratigraphic notes are quite a help and have considerable bearing on the problems farther south. In writing the Yegua problem, I had overlooked that the Jackson group in Tennessee overlies the Wilcox group with the Claiborne group missing. This is obviously a confirmation of the regional nature of the hiatus at the base of the Jackson. It should have been mentioned in the Yegua paper.

Your outcrop sketches (Figs. 1, 2, etc.) are very interesting. Such sketches give a clear picture of sedimentation conditions and are much better than lengthy text descriptions.

At present, I am interested in your Midway group, particularly the fossils which Safford collected and Gabb described. They came from near Middleton in Hardeman County. If you should happen to be in the vicinity, could you have the kindness to pick up some fossils or fossiliferous blocks and send them to me? I suppose you know the exact or approximate localities from which Safford collected his material. Type locality material would be most useful.

I notice you published one paper with Dr. Huddle. I had the pleasure to meet him in Chicago about a year ago. We have exchanged some Tertiary fossils since then.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

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