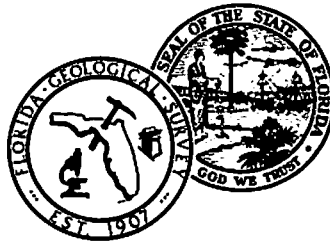


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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

I am working on the vertebrate fauna of a rather important Miocene locality here in Leon County, Florida. One of the most prominent features of the quarry is a large oyster bar composed of ? Ostrea normalis. There seems to be many opinions as to the true identity of these forms as there are persons determining the material.

The people here at the Survey suggested that you could perhaps give me a reliable interpretation if I could impose upon you to look at a sample of these shells.

I realize that you have many things occupying your time but will appreciate it if you can find time to examine some of the better specimens and comment on same.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. J. Olsen", followed by a horizontal line.

S. J. Olsen
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