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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

From the recent circular to Treatise authors you may have learned the news of my forthcoming visit to the USA, although the wording of the announcement itself was somewhat overoptimistic. The position is that I have been awarded a U.S. Government grant which gives me my return ticket to Lawrence and, in addition, a few dollars daily allowance which I understand will be sufficient to rent a room somewhere and cook my own meals. For travelling within the USA without which the success of my mission would be very much in doubt, I shall have to rely entirely on any funds I can raise by my own efforts. I am planning to arrive at San Francisco by air on December 3rd. It would be ideal, if I could stay in America until about August, because this would make it possible to complete our section on the Nautiloidea in all its essential phases in close cooperation with all the principal coauthors on this section. Again the length of my stay will depend entirely on what funds will be available to me for travelling within the USA.

The best method to raise funds seems to be by lecturing. I am prepared to lecture on any Australian subjects (structure, stratigraphy, palaeontology, oil possibilities, but not purely economic geology), Fossil and Recent coral reefs in the Australian region, general Gondwanaland palaeogeography, as well as more specialized subjects (e.g. eustatism, Palaeozoic glaciations, faunal migrations). I am bringing with me a collection of about 250 lantern slides on these subjects. Negotiations with a number of universities have so far proceeded satisfactorily and it looks as if I shall be able, on a basis of paid lectures or lecture courses, to visit most of my co-authors on the Nautiloidea for discussions of any desired length. It would be very desirable from my point of view, if Austin could be included in this programme. It is likely that I shall spend part of January with Flower at Socorro and I could easily arrange to return to Lawrence by way of Austin. If you think that this would be worthwhile, perhaps you could put up the suggestion to the appropriate authorities in your University. If there is sufficient interest in any subjects within the scope of the lecture programme as outlined above, details of subjects and number of lectures (or seminars) could be arranged entirely to suit your own requirements.

I hope you will not mind this direct method of approach, but I have found this more successful than any round-about ways and "guarded inquiries". Also, I feel that this is not a personal matter, but one that is vital to the successful completion of our Treatise project.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. Truick