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Dear Professor Piccoli:

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Your volume on "Studi sulla Macrofauna Priaboniana di Priabona" arrived yesterday. I hasten to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy and to congratulate you for this fine work. This work will help us to understand the so-called Priabonian of Munier-Chalmas. These local or provincial stage names are very difficult to understand for the cutsider, who lives far removed from the type locality of these stages. You can rest assured your work is very useful to other stratigraphers.

It was a pleasure to meet you in France and to spend some time in the field with you. The field trip in Europe was very much worth while to me. It helped me very much in visualizing the Tertiary section of western Europe.

I am still occupied with the family Ostreidae. The work is very tedious in that one has to find and read many obscure publications on the biology of cysters. However, the manuscript has progressed nicely; it has already 221 typed pages. Before I am through with it, it will have about 450 pages. I will probably be published as a separate book.

Could you please send me the address of Professor Azzaroli? I would like to write him.

With my warmest wishes for your future work.

Sincerely yours.

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