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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

I am sending three specimens of an oyster that I received from Brazil. I thought at first that they might have been C. virginica but as you can see they definitely are not. In fact two attempts to cross them with C. virginica have met with failure but this does not mean anything because the control, this species times itself, was mostly unsuccessful, too.

I do not have the literature to identify this oyster and thought perhaps you might know it. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated. The information sent by Dr. Ditadi is included with the oysters and you may keep the shells if you wish. I am sending shells to Dr. Abbott also.

Sincerely yours,

*Winston M.*

R.W. Menzel  
Associate Professor

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