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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Thank you for your letter of January 24. I look forward to your paper on the oysters of the Midway Group of Texas and Arkansas.

I did not know that Vialov was at the Congress in Mexico. The only time I saw him was during the 1931 Congress at Moscow.

The attached copy of a letter to Prof.Sylvester-Bradley may be of interest to you.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

H.G. Kugler

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Dear Prof. Bradley,

Dr.Gasche showed me your letter of 13th February with attached copy of your letter to Dr.Stenzel. It was Dr.Stenzel who approached me with regard to genotypes of oysters deposited at our Natural History Museum, where I am now working after my retirement from Trinidad.

Dr.Gasche and I assembled those specimens of Ostrea knorrii VOLTZ which you did not take when at our Museum. Amongst this material we found a relatively rich assemblage (22), now labelled G 2268/1-22, of which I wrote the following to Dr.Stenzel:

"The only possible topotype of a genotype we seem to possess is: Ostrea knorrii VOLTZ. The specimens of G 2268 come from the Varian's Beds, just above the Hauptrogenstein of Baselland. The holotype depicted in KNORR & WALCH, 1768, 2. Teil, Tafel DV, fig. 5 & 6 ex Museo J. Jacobi d'Annone, is probably lost. It does not exist in d'Annone's collection of our Museum, which otherwise contains most of the holotypes depicted in KNORR & WALCH. The same J.J. d'Annone collected the specimens of G 2268, and an attached label referred to the above mentioned figures in KNORR & WALCH."

In your letter to Dr.Stenzel you state that you have chosen a neotype from topotype specimens of your own collection. This neotype apparently derives from Schönegg, for in the list of 12th September 1957, which you have signed, there is no mention of the type locality W a r t e n b e r g a t M u t t e n z, near Basel. It appears to me that you may have overlooked J.J. d'Annone's topotype material which is now in the hands of Dr.Stenzel.

On page 227 of your paper "the description of fossil populations" I see that you wrote "Wartenburg, near Geislingen". On geological map (sheet Geislingen No. 121 of Baden) by Schallch the name is spelled "Wartenberg", a slightly troublesome coincidence with the typelocality of O.knorrii knorrii (the latinized name for Knorr was probably Knorrius!).