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Dear Dr. Reyment:

Ray Moore has asked me to work on the family Ostreidae for the pelecypod volume of the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. This means that every oyster species that has been designated a type species for a genus or subgenus in this family must be studied to understand its biological affinities. Unfortunately, over 100 generic names must be investigated. One of these concerns a Cretaceous oyster species from Sweden.

Vialov (1936) proposed the name Acutostrea for Ostrea acutirestris Nilsson (1827), which was described from the stone quarries Ugnsmannurna on the island Ifo in southern Sweden (zone of Actinocamax mammillatus). Do you by any chance have available specimens of this species from its type locality or a neighboring place? I would appreciate greatly having an opportunity to study them and could reciprocate with material from Texas.

We are having very fine, warm, sunshiny weather today. The front door of my house is open, the furnace is turned off, and the climbing rose-bush at the door is still in bloom. Texas is very nice in the winter, but oh those summers!

With my warmest wishes for a successful "1961".

Sincerely yours,

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