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Dear Henryk:

I greatly appreciate your letter of December 31 and your discussion of "Cerithium" vinctum and its allies. I would be most happy and flattered to collaborate with you in a joint paper on these fossils. I, of course, would be junior author; you have already done much spade work. If we could prepare a paper like your Cubitostrea paper, I would be proud of it.

I will undertake description of the Caribbean forms and will search for a generic name and generic affinities. I also will conduct a search of Tethyan literature. If we can find any predecessors, it is practically a safe prediction that they will be Tethyan or Tethyan migrants.

When I am ready to start, I would like to have a representative set of specimens of the Gulf coast species. Eventually, however, we should get together with all the specimens. Miss Gardner has a fine lot from the Weches at "Jose Procena League, from water well dry at village gin, Percilla, Houston County," collected by Sidney Powers in 1916, and many other lots.

I suggest we do not shoot at too early a date. I am first of all going to complete the first part of my Panama report, presumably about June. Then I have other things on my hands this year. Before the end of the calendar year, however, I should be back on Panama gastropods and the Cerithiidae is the first big family I run into.

We always enjoy your visits to Washington, but they are too infrequent.

Did you intend to send me both the original and a carbon of the enclosure?

With warm regards and good wishes for the New Year to you and your daughters,

Sincerely yours,

Wendell

W. P. Woodring

C.S. I forgot to thank you for the Furon and Soyer citation. This little book is in the Survey Library and is now on deposit at the National Museum. I had missed it. I will offer to exchange publications with Soyer.
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