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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 22, 1966.

Mr. Pickering and I are delighted with your run-down on the fossil oysters that we sent you sometime ago. Your identification and age determination couldn't fit the picture better as they completely corroborate my foram findings. We can now go ahead and finish the short paper in which we are giving this basal Jackson sand a new name, i.e. "Clinchfield Sand". I have made up a sub-surface fence diagram consisting of several vertical sections which should indicate to some degree the areal extent of this sand. However, it is the paleo connected with this whole thing that interest^s me as it strengthens former ideas of mine that the Ocala in Georgia can be divided into two divisions - Upper and Lower Divisions of the Ocala. This sand containing the large oysters becomes limestone down the dip as everyone knows but locally it is important to differentiate it from the more deeply buried geologically older Gosport sand, in my opinion.

I was disappointed somewhat about the oyster from Griffin Landing but plan to visit this locality again and collect specimens which will be sent to you later on. Thanks again for identifying these fossils (oysters). I am pleased to hear how well your work on the Treatise is going and am looking forward to seeing the finished product.

My best wishes to you in your researches.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Herrick

P. S. The fossil specimens arrived safely, many thanks.

AIR MAIL