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Dear Dr. Thomson:

After much effort and a long waiting time I have been successful in obtaining a photostatic copy of your paper on "The genera of oysters and the Australian species". Your paper is very useful to me, because at present I am working on the chapter "Ostreidae" for the "Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology". Needless to say, many of the so-called genera in this family have given me a lot of trouble; in this and other respects your paper will be extremely useful.

You may be interested to know that recently oysters of the Pycnodonte group were dredged from 1000 feet depth off the north coast of South America. As far as I could make out from the preserved soft parts, the species has a promyal passage.

Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of your paper? The plates of my photostatic copy are not good enough. The journal your paper was printed in is a rarity in the files of libraries in the U.S.A.; there is a set in the University of Texas library in Austin, but none here in Houston.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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