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Dr. Harald A. Rehder, Curator  
U. S. National Museum  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Rehder:

Very probably it will be possible for me to attend the International Zoological Congress in Washington next month. This would be a good opportunity to study oysters and to use the library at your department. As you probably remember the family Ostreidae is to be written up by me for the Treatise of Invertebrate Paleontology. The task has been very difficult so far.

The Ostrea thaenunai and O. laysana Dall, Bartsch, & Rehder, 1938, are of especial interest and I would like to have a look at them. There are, of course, many other species which should be inspected. I was very fortunate in being able to visit the Musée National and the École des Mines in Paris last year. Some of Lamarek's types are still there.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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