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Dear Dana:

Your letter of July 19, 1968 was received long ago, and I have read your manuscript that you had sent to Heinie Howe. There are several reasons why your letter did not receive the immediate attention it deserved. One is that I have a lot of small health troubles which keep my energy level very low. Another is that your letter is embarrassing to answer.

As you know, I have always been cooperative and have helped you and other people on many occasions. However, this time I am absolutely unable to do anything for two reasons. One is my lack of energy which cuts down on my available time and the other is that I am engaged in preparing the Chapter on Oysters for the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. I am nearing the finishing date of this work and really cannot spare any time away from it. I have written already 356 typed pages and am largely through with the text. Now the illustrations have to be designed, selected from books and drawn or photographed, collated at Lawrence, and critized, changed, and corrected by me. There will have to be about 200 to 300 figures.

I have no student assistant, no secretary, no help. Even such simple time-consuming tasks as letter filing, I have to do myself. I am not complaining about L.S.U.; it is the best place I have been during the last 30 years or more. The thing is it simply does not have the money to furnish me a secretary and assistant, and not enough money to make the good library it has into an excellent one for my purposes.

Thus, I am completely strapped for time and embarrassed that I cannot help you much.

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By the way, the Geology Department here is collecting money for the purpose of keeping me productive even after retirement. Perhaps it would be a good idea for you to induce the Marathon Oil Company to contribute to such a good project.

Cordially,

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