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Dear Dr. Cox:

The photographs arrived safely and are excellent. That they have a black background will not make much difference; they can be cut out and pasted on stiff white cardboard. Thank you and the authorities of the Museum very much.

A few days ago, a long-forgotten generic name among the Ostreidae was unearthed here accidentally. It is Saccostrea Dollfus & Dantzenberg, 1920, Conchyliologie du Miocene Moyen du Bassin de la Loire, pt. 1: Pelecypodes (Suite et fin): Soc. Geol. France Mem., No. 27, Paleontologie V. 22, pts. 2-4, p. 379-500, pl. 34-51 [see p. 471]. Type species by monotypy: Ostrea (Saccostrea) sacculus Dujardin. As far as I can gather from the literature, it seems to have been overlooked by everybody including Neave and myself. Miss Marcia A. Edwards of the Zoological Record has been notified.

The work on the Ostreidae is progressing very slowly. There is too much incidental literature, too many important observations hidden in obscure papers, too many unrelated facts to coordinate, and no good library in Houston.

Sincerely,

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