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Dear Dan :

Your letter of July 21 is very welcome. I am glad to know you approve of my handling of the Curtis matter. I had hoped to persuade him to change his subject. These people are so ill advised in their work. Why should a professor assign and supervise a thesis on a subject he evidently is not entirely familiar with? However, I believe both Mr. Curtis and his wife (the former Miss Malkin) are sincerely interested and just did not know better when they started on this work.

I am glad to hear about Amphistegina. Its distribution is in harmony with the minor conglomeratic layer in the Viesca at Smithville. Such a conglomerate means a slight shoal at that place.

The results of the analyses of the glauconites are interesting. That bed III at Smithville must have glauconite not chamosite; in a way that surprises me.

The plans of the East Texas Geological Society are not yet any further advanced than they were in April. That is probably mostly my fault; I had other things to do. Elvin Hurlbut is to come to Austin in the next few days to discuss these plans with Lonsdale and me. In my opinion it will largely depend on how much money is available for such a volume. I would like to put all kinds of things into it. I shall let you know how plans develop.

About Rex White, Jr., if he is really well prepared you might sing to him the praises of Tertiary stratigraphical problems. I can use a good student now. Only two students started recently master's theses under my supervision. All the others have finished or are going to finish in August. The M.A. program here has fallen off very much, but the Ph.D. program is increasing slightly, that is, the whole Geology Department here.

Sorry you missed me on your last trip through Austin. I would like to have a long bull session with you sometime. How is the family? Best regards to all.

Yours ever,

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