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Dear Henryk:

I am distressed and a bit worried because of what seems to be futile wheel-spinning at this end of the line at least as regards Treatise oysters. (1) On 9 March I reported to you that nothing whatever of significance is contained in four Russian references (Valduga, 1961; Mirkamalov, 1963; Zakharov, 1963; Dagis, 1963) sent to me by you on 5 March with request for help. No acknowledgment from you, probably because none needed. (2) On 12 April I reported similarly on interlibrary loans which had been obtained with some difficulty (Gerasimov, 1962; Romanovskiy, 1878; Kiparisova, 1938); again nothing of value which I could detect. No answer to query as to whether you wanted copies of any figures and books had to be returned. (3) Now we have just managed to get interlibrary loan of Gekker et al., 1962, 2 vols., cited to me by you in early March. They deal entirely with paleoecology of Paleogene deposits in the Fergana basin, Siberia, but mention occurrence and give some figures of fossil oysters: Ostrea (Turkostrea) turkestanensis ROM., O. (T.) baissunensis BÖHM, O. (Platygena) asiatica ROM., Fatina boehmi VİALOV, F. b. transversa VIALOV, F. esterhazyi PAVLOV, F. e. buhsei VIALOV, F. beldersaiensis romanowskii (BÖHM). Does this excite you? worth my trouble in reporting? The books must be returned 2 June.

I'd like to do anything possible that will contribute to getting your <u>Treatise</u> chapter into my hands, when I will arrange for info. to Newell. Rudists have been mailed to me by Cox but still not arrived. Part N (Bivalvia) will go to press as soon as it can be whipped—I guess I mean whipped—into shape.

We have been quite unable to get any line on Renngarten, 1964. Do you have reason to think that it is worth struggling for?

cc: N. D. Newell

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