Dr. Raymond C. Moore University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Ray:

Shell Development Company graciously has given me six weeks of vacation time with pay so that I can do the following:

- (1) Pre-convention field trip through the Paleogene of Alsace, Germany, Belgium, northern France, lasting two weeks,
- (2) Convention (Colloque sur le Paléogène) at Bordeaux, first week of September,
- (3) Study in libraries and museums at Bordeaux and Paris, two to three weeks.

According to advance information, the Russian oyster paleontologist Vyalov is expected at Bordeaux. Ranson, Lecointre, Soyer, Charles, and other oyster experts have been alerted to expect my visit. I plan to depart August 15, 12:45 P.M. by KIM and return toward the end of September. It is a rare opportunity to interview several important oyster paleontologists and neontologists.

My travel expenses (transportation, meals, hotel rooms) are estimated to total \$3250.00. These travel expenses are not going to be reimbursed by Shell, for good reasons. The round trip ticket by air, first class, to Paris is \$1125.00 and tourist class it is \$707.80. In view of my heart condition, I prefer first class. My request is for \$1125.00. If you approve it, it would be very good to receive the check or money order very soon. It so happens that these expenses are leaving me in a very tight, but not dangerous financial situation for three months. If it will take longer to mail the support, my address during September 2-8 will be c/o Hotel de Bordeaux, 4 Place de la Comédie, at Bordeaux, France. Still later I can be reached c/o Madame Sophie Glazer, 28 Avenue Victor Hugo, Bagneux (Seine), France. That is a suburb of Paris.

Sincerely.

H. B. Stenzel