

March 19, 1965

Mr. Al H. Hammel
515 Lacewood
Dallas 24, Texas

Dear Mr. Hammel:

The last package of oysters from the Eagle Ford and your letter of March 15 have been received. This oyster is Lopha lugubris (Conrad, 1857) which is a well-known horizon marker in the highest part of the Eagle Ford, locally known as the Arcadia Park Formation. It is rather easily recognizable by its shape and radial ribs. The material you sent is fine and worth studying.

The material has a lot of phosphorite nodules and pebbles adhering to it in the matrix.

I am very grateful to you for keeping up with collecting fossil oysters. Some of them will turn out to be important enough and well enough preserved to serve for illustration in my manuscript. Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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