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Dear Bob Carter:

Today (the first of March) I received your airmail letter of 26 February. That is excellent mail service. Please accept my thanks for your promptness in reacting and for the negatives of Ostrea bresia. This "species" has been figured by two or three Australian authors, but their illustrations are of low quality, probably because of inferior printing techniques. Several years ago I went to great length to buy specimens of that species from a sea shell dealer, but the specimens I received were probably misidentified. They could not be used.

In this work, access to specimens has been particularly difficult. Oysters are just not popular among amateur and scientific collectors. However, believe it or not, I have specimens of Ostreonella prima Romanovskiy, the type species of the genus. They come from Uzbekistan in the USSR, in Central Asia. Without them I could never have understood this well-definable genus.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

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