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## <u>AIRMAIL</u>

Dr. P. E. Hare Carnegie Institution Geophysical Laboratory 2801 Upton Street NW Washington, D. C., 20008

Dear Dr. Hare:

Your coauthorship article "Amino Acid Composition of some Calcified Proteins" in the Annual Report of the Director, Geophysical Laboratory, is very interesting and timely. It makes me wonder whether you have any similar data on the oysters (Ostreidae)? Of course, I am aware that some work on the amino acids in this family has been published, but perhaps I know too little of this literature. Could you be so kind as to enlighten me?

The family Ostreidae has been assigned to me for presentation in the Treatise Invertebrate Paleontology, and I have been investigating them for some time.

Very truly yours,

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