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Dear Professor Malaroda:

Please accept my thanks for the packet of separates of your publications and for the photographs of Gryphaeostrea miotaurinensis (Sacco). As usual, your publications are interesting, but this time your paper on Hardgrounds and the boundary between the Cretaceous and Eocene north of Verona is of particular interest. I shall take great care in reading it and comparing your observations with the Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary in the Gulf Coastal Plain. This is a problem I have been interested in for many years.

The photographs are excellent. They prove that this oyster species belongs to the genus Gryphaeostrea Conrad, 1865. The species G. miotaurinensis is indeed the last of the species of this widespread genus. All this information is going to be of great help to the work on the Ostreidae which I am doing. You have been very kind in remembering my questions about these oysters and in taking these good photographs.

With my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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