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Dear George:

Your note arrived Friday.

Thanks for the kind thought.

Hewitt Dix at Caltech is quite a guy as a geophysicist. I don't know if he could be attracted or not. He got a full professorship about a year ago. However, he gets itchy feet occasionally. He is perhaps too theoretical for most oil companies and too practical for the earthquake boys, Gutenberg, etc. I would say that's a nice balance for a teacher of applied geophysics. Perhaps his textbook is on your shelves.

As to micropaleo, there are plenty of good spots now. Bandy at U.S.C. is a live wire. For some strange reason he seems content at U.S.C.

Your administration did better by you than I he to us. Funny to hear the boys gripe. The weaker they are the more they gripe.

Visited Shages at an autocourt two years back. He was confined to a wheelchair then. Couldn't write but could pick at a typewriter. Wrote to him and heard from him around holidays. He keeps his sense of humor. After I got to know him, I really enjoyed snapping

with the wild Irishman. Afraid he is rather neglected.

The Lode far in background. Did preliminary work on the Sta. Ana junk; then several mos. past switched to Eocene on San Nicolas Id.. There is some expense for it as the boys are trying to map it and it is badly faulted and the sands probably loose fast. It is a challenge as superficially at least the fauna is the same thru the 1200' or so we have seen. So I am not suffering, even if it doesn't make too much sense. The Santa Ana project is stuffing only as the mapping is done. Such is life in a bureau.

Hope Ray is still coming along on his thesis. Tough for an older fellow to get back into the ring.

Living Culbeck is riding on Grey's coat tails & now think of it as the Grey rat.

Haven't heard from Wendell since he lost his daughter. We were sorry he couldn't see his way clear to moving out here.

Well, Henry, it's time for the young and old to retire, so I'll take my young spirit and old bones to bed. Best wishes for some good additions to your faculty.
As ever,
Merle