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Dear Doctor Stenzel:

Thank you for your letter of 7 August.

There are absolutely none of Linnaeus' <sup>*Penaeus*</sup> types available nor any indications in his notes as to what his animal was except Seba's figure. *That was all looked into years ago.*

I think probably if we overlook certain errors in Seba's figure we can accept it as a non-grooved Penaeus, but that is about all. It could even be one of the Pacific species from the west coast of South or Central America. Even so, that is stretching a point, but it has been accepted by general accord.

Thus, the only indications as to where the specimen came from lie in the works of the earlier authors who followed Linnaeus and Seba.

Under the Code it is not necessary to select a neotype for either one of the two species of white shrimp. My own contention is that Burkenroad improperly selected a neotype for several reasons, one being the fact that he never had it validated. Another one is that he did not do it when he was "first reviser." As I understand it, a man has the rights of first reviser only at that time and he cannot go back ~~and change things~~ at some later date and publish another paper.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
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Director