

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

CENTRAL PARK WEST AT 79TH STREET

NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY
GEORGE GAYLORD SIMPSON, Chairman

GEORGE GAYLORD SIMPSON, Ph.D., Sc.D., Curator of Fossil Mammals and Birds
EDWIN H. COIBERT, Ph.D., Curator of Fossil Reptiles, Amphibians, and Fishes
NORMAN D. NEWELL, Ph.D., Curator of Historical Geology and Fossil Invertebrates
FREDERICK H. POUGH, Ph.D., Curator of Physical Geology and Mineralogy
OTTO H. HAAS, Ph.D., LL.D., Associate Curator of Fossil Invertebrates
BOBB SCHAEFFER, Ph.D., Assistant Curator of Fossil Vertebrates
RACHEL HUSBAND NICHOLS, A.M., Scientific Assistant

BARNUM BROWN, Sc.D., Curator Emeritus of Fossil Reptiles
HERBERT P. WHITLOCK, Curator Emeritus of Mineralogy; Research Associate in Jade
CHARLES C. MOOK, Ph.D., Associate Curator Emeritus of Fossil Reptiles

HORACE ELMER WOOD, 2nd, Ph.D., Research Associate in Fossil Mammals
ERICH M. SCHLAIKJER, Ph.D., Research Associate in Fossil Reptiles
LOUIS HUSSAKOF, Ph.D., Research Associate in Fossil Fishes
J. BROOKES KNIGHT, Ph.D., Research Associate in Fossil Invertebrates
ARTHUR K. MILLER, Ph.D., Research Associate in Fossil Invertebrates

March 24, 1947.

Dear Henryk:

I am grateful for your aid with respect to the little collection of pelecypods from near Lake Titicaca. From the stratigraphic relations and regional history, it is indeed quite possible that these fossils are uppermost Jurassic. They can hardly be older than Portlandian. On the other hand, I understand that they are also similar to Lower Cretaceous species.

I have just returned from Philadelphia where I had an opportunity to discuss the prospects for expansion in invertebrate paleontology with the authorities at the Academy of Sciences. Dr. Radclyffe Roberts is the Managing Director, and it is with him that most of my conversations have taken place. The group is very much interested in your qualifications and it is quite possible that you will hear from them. On the other hand, I must prepare you for a disappointment due to the fact that Dr. Olssen has been taken into the confidence of Dr. Pilsbry, and it is quite possible that Dr. Olssen may be put in charge of the invertebrate work. It seems that everything must be held in abeyance until these two men return from a trip to Peru at which time Roberts hopes to have the whole thing settled. My strongest advice was for them to bring you on, on a half-time basis, together with a young Ph.D., who would work with you as your understudy; the young man being appointed on a full time basis. As yet ample funds have not been secured, but funds are adequate for research and maintenance of existing facilities, and I judge that a modest salary for at least two men will be available. I believe that you can expect at least \$3000.00 for half-time work, in addition of course you would require transportation funds in order to pay your expenses from Texas. I sincerely hope that everything works out to your best advantage.

With cordial wishes

As ever



Norman D. Newell
Curator of Fossil Invertebrates.

Dr. Henryk Stenzel,
Bureau of Economic Geology,
Austin 12, Texas.