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Dear Dr. Lagaij:

It has been a long time since we communicated with each other. On my side, the reason was rather obvious. I underwent a very severe operation in October 1958 for the removal of a benign tumor (adenoma) on the pituitary gland.. The operation lasted from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; So I have had quite a struggle to recover from it and the X-ray treatment of 5 weeks that went on before the operation. I am coming out of it alright, but my eye sight has suffered a whole lot. That is a little hard to take.

You have had an opportunity to study at the British Museum; that must have been very instructive. Dr. L. R. Cox (Mollusca) is the only one I know there personally. He has a very pleasing personality, and when I met him in Mexico in 1957, I took a great liking to him. If I had been in better shape at the time you went to London, I would have asked you to find out there where one might obtain English Tertiary Mollusca and fossil crustaceans. There used to be quite a few private collectors and commercial suppliers in England.

Today I am making ready a small collection of Bryozoa from "Bluff on east or left bank of Wahalak Creek, 100 yards north of Alabama State Highway 10 (Butler-Meridian road), about 0.6 mile west of courthouse in Butler, at the site of a flowing artesian well, near SW corner of section 18, T. 13 N., R.2W." Bashf glauconitic marl, Wilcox group. H. B. Stenzel coll. August 1949. Locality no. Ala-55; Butler, Choctaw County, Alabama. This collection will be sent to you soon. Again I would like to have a complete list of the species as identified by you and a few specimens of each (if possible), identified and mounted.

Best wishes for 1959 and regards

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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