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Dear Noel:

Just a short note. One of your previous letters says that your Paris Basin mollusk collection will have to be disposed of by the middle of next year. May I suggest that a very worthy recipient would be H. B. Stenzel, personally. Would it be possible to persuade your company to part with it in that way? Or perhaps you could ship it without even saying anything about it. The material would come in handy sooner or later as I work on the Tertiary.

Did I tell you that Pete Flawn was made director of the Bureau in December? This time the University was in a great hurry to fill the position. No long deliberations. Sam Ellison told me the Chancellor had asked the full Professors of the Geology Department to recommend a man and Pete was their choice. He has a big job arousing the place out of the slumber Lonadale put it in. Good luck to him.

Mrs. Adkins was here for the New Year's celebration with mutual friends. She is thinking of selling the house on the hill south of Austin and moving into town. Wish I had enough money to buy it and retire there. Too bad that I have been a poor underpaid prof all my life.

Best wishes for a satisfactory year "1961".

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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