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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

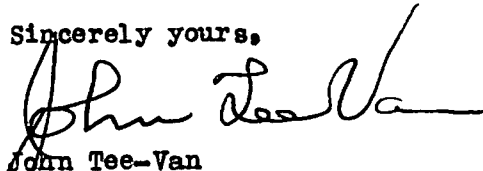
I would like to send my congratulations on your recent short note in Science having to do with uniform endings for names of higher categories in zoological systematics.

During the last year and a half, I have been confronted with the necessity of developing a classification of fishes that could be utilized without causing too great criticism from my fellow ichthyologists -- this classification is to be used in the third and succeeding volumes of FISHES OF THE WESTERN NORTH ATLANTIC. As a result of this need for a system of classification, a committee was formed, of which George Myers of Stanford is chairman, and a considerable amount of work has been accomplished by George and our fellow committeemen. You may be interested to know (and George Myers may already have mentioned this to you) that your proposed uniform endings were discussed at the June meeting at Salt Lake City of this committee, and the committee, plus a number of non-committee members who entered the discussion, have decided to use your endings in our forthcoming classification.

I hope that the endings may be used in other groups of animals, but I question whether the ornithologists and entomologists can be prevailed upon to change their now well-established order endings.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



John Tee-Van  
Executive Secretary