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Mr. William Heaslip
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Dear Mr. Heaslip:

Dr. Stenzel has sent me a copy of his letter to you dated June 13th. I am glad to hear that you are interested in the venericardias.

On July 5th I fly to Boston to go to the Massachusetts General Hospital for a major and ticklish operation. If it is successful, I should be considerably better and will renew my interest in the pelecypods.

As Dr. Stenzel said, I have a great deal of material and have done considerable fact-gathering during the past two or three years. I had planned to publish a joint paper with Dr. Rutsch, describing a new "Baluchicardia" from Iran and discussing other species related to it, as well as collecting many inherited mistakes. I have received plastotypes of many type species, such as V. loryi, the holotype of which is in Budapest. I have made up quite a series of plates figuring these specimens and have a considerable volume of notes.

Now if you would like to complete this paper with me as a co-author I would be glad to send you everything I have, provided, of course, Dr. Rutsch is willing to withdraw. Naturally, this will mean a lot of work for you, but on the other hand I have done a fair amount on it myself.

So far the International Commission has not ruled on the case of Baluchicardia.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert G. Schenck

c/c Dr. Stenzel
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