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Dear Doc,

You are probably out in the field enjoying this nice fall weather but I guess the impending GSA meeting will drive you in soon. The program certainly looks interesting, and I hope to get down for at least the Saturday meeting on sedimentary volumes if not for the entire time. You are going on the Tertiary field trip I imagine. By dint of going out several of the past weekends I have seen most of those sections and they are certainly interesting. I even tried to find you a *Hercoglossa* at Pope's Creek but they seem to be scarce these days.

I certainly hope that you will be able to come up to New York for a few days after the meeting. I have a place in the dormitory where you can put up for as long as you care to stay. I plan to take my car to Washington so you would have a ride up to New York after the meeting if you plan to come. We can leave Washington Saturday after the meeting or Sunday depending on your preference.

Things are the same here - so much work there is little time to think! I'm currently taking paleo from Newell, Kay's stratigraphy course, a seminar under Bucher paced by the material in his and Umbgrove's books, vertebrate paleo from Colbert at the museum, and pre-Cambrian stratigraphy (don't collapse) from Kay. However, the small matter of learning to read German and French seems to take most of my time.

All of the rest of the news will keep until Washington. Have a good time on the field trip. And please try to work the New York visit into your plans if you can. Please tell Mrs. Stenzel and the girls hello for me. Tell Terry not to let that East Texas sand get him down.

See you next week,

*Clarence*