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Dear Mr. Marsalis:

As to the 3 silicified oysters from above the Sandersville Limestone, they are rather difficult. They are Crassostrea sp. close to C. gigantissima (Finch). The stock of Crassostrea gigantissima showed up first in the Middle Eocene and continued to evolve in successional species through C. gigantissima into the Miocene. All these successional species are closely related and very similar in looks. Much more collecting and stratigraphic work would have to be done in case of the Georgia oysters.

Sincerely yours,

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