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Dear Mr. Curry

Thank you very much for your letter of October 30, the package of fossil oysters, and the separate on the Tertiary outlier.

The fossil prodissococonchs sent by you are the first fossil prodissococonchs I have seen. That may be partly my own fault, because I have not made a thorough search for them since I became interested in oysters. The fossil oysters received from you, particularly the Ostrea marginidentata S. V. Wood will be very useful for the oyster manuscript. Well-preserved fossil oysters are nearly always useful for the manuscript; most of them show some special feature not clearly visible in other specimens.

As luck has it, Russian oysters are being shipped out of the USSR for me. The first batch is already in Sweden. These fossils should help in clearing up the confused state of the generic names based on Russian species.

Thanks again and best wishes,

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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