

July 16, 1942

Mr. Eugene Davis  
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Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Davis :

I am very glad that the case of Astaodes davis arrived safely in your hands.

The new specimen which you enclosed as a drawing is very interesting. It is obviously not an Astaodes davis, probably not even near related. The nearest that I can find in my collections from California Crossing is Homarus brittonensis, of which I am enclosing an enlarged drawing. This drawing is threetimes natural size. The specimen is drawn from the side, whereas your drawing shows the top view. You will notice that Homarus brittonensis, as far as I have it in my collection, does never reach the size of your specimen. It also does not seem to fit your drawing completely. It is my belief that your specimen is something new and therefore highly interesting. If you could spare it for a short time I could compare it with my material to see if it is actually new. I am very much touched by your great interest in that locality and that you still continue to collect at California Crossing. It is very very probable that that locality will yet yield surprising material and you are doing very well in checking it from time to time. Did I write you that Mr. Watkins brought some very fine Grayson clay crabs with him when he came to see me last time? They are very unusual; probably a new genus.

I have been in the field again and was not able to check your drawing against the specimens in the collections in Austin. I am gone from Austin nearly all the time and return only for occasional short visits.

By separate mail we are sending to you a copy of University of Texas Bulletin 2838, Handbook of Texas Cretaceous Fossils.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

HBS:BJC  
Enclosure

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