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My Dear Dr. Stenzel:

For some time I have been putting off writing you a short note to tell you that I was disturbed to hear of your illness. It is almost inconceivable for me to realize that someone who has always bounced about as you do with your mountain of energy could take the time to have any illness. In any case, I do hope that you are considerably better and that you feel like getting into the field occasionally.

In my wanderings of recent months, I was doing some work on dolomite beds in the New Braunfels region and I found that the tiny land snail that I (perhaps the same genus) found years ago on the Pecos River and later in Mexico is abundant at New Braunfels along the bluffs on the north side of the Guadalupe River where I was measuring some beds. I collected many individuals. They could be obtained alive if identification would be surer.

In the last year Austin has been invaded by land snails, rather large ones, similar to the brightly banded land snails from the West Indies I believe. I know nothing about them but I immediately thought of the large nuisances that are so common in California. Bob Redfield and I were talking about you yesterday and he commented that "Dr. Stenzel would know them." I think that we have more than one genus represented and perhaps several species. I wonder if they haven't been imported in plants or shubbery.

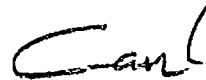
I was also over in the Terrell area (NW of Terrell) looking at stone possibilities and had an opportunity to visit a large new quarry of limestone in the Midway. The firm is working about thirty feet of stone that is roughly separated into two beds by a medium thickness gray sandstone. Fossils are very abundant and lots of crab claws are present. I collected a few. I looked for tests but nothing but appendages.

I saw you at Adkins' funeral but didn't get a chance to speak to you. I was with Bob Redfield and we left immediately afterward.

Let me know if there are any particular specimens or materials which I might gather or send to you either for display or for student use or for study material.

Certainly hope that you are feeling better and I have hopes of visiting with you a few minutes sometime.

Sincerely yours,



C. Chelf