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331 U. S. National Museum,
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Dr. H. B. Stenzel,
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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

In reply to your letter of March 7:

The number 3699 to which you refer is the accession number of Matson's notebook in the Geological Survey files, and has nothing to do with a collection of fossils. I am sorry I did not make this clear to you in my letter.

I suspect that the locality at which Matson collected Potamides matsoni has become concealed by colluvium or by a growth of vegetation. That has happened to several localities from which I made good collections in the earlier days of my work in the Coastal Plain. It is astonishing how completely an outcrop can become obscured in the course of a few years.

Sincerely,

L. W. Stephenson