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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

You would be surprised at all the collecting I have not done in Louisiana. In fact, the only places where I have seen a fair abundance of Mollusca were those well known collecting grounds at Montgomery Bluff, St. ~~Marie~~ ^{Marie} and Cane River; undoubtedly there are others as listed by Harris.

I would suggest that C. L. Moody with the Ohio Oil Company at Shreveport, who has done perhaps the most detailed field work over the Tertiary, might know of unpublished localities. Of course, Dr. Howe at Louisiana State will know of some and he also has made extensive collections from Mississippi and Alabama. In these latter states I have again done little collecting. I have visited Claiborne Bluff and it is very rich; also Yellow Bluff showed quite a fair sprinkling of Mollusca in the lower beds (Bells Landing), and, of course, I made collections for micro-paleontology from most of the Tertiary beds from that region but had no time to hunt around for Mollusca.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Houston Press of several weeks back. You seem to have a very good time on these picnics. How about letting Dr. Hanna and me know when you go on such expeditions and perhaps we could join you.

I think Moody, if he can possibly find the time, would be very glad to take you to some of his localities. He is very enthusiastic about such things but is handicapped by being the whole geological staff of the Ohio Oil Co. for the coastal country.

I presume you got your grant and hope you enjoy the field season.

Kindest regards,


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