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Mr. W. A. Petersen
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Dear Mr. Petersen:

I had hoped to talk to you at length when I was in Corpus Christi and I also had the very best intentions to answer lengthily your first communication of November 18, 1953. Perhaps I am just an awkward person and perhaps facilities here are not what they ought to be; at any rate I seem to have very little time left to do all the things I ought to do.

Having done a good bit of talking before geologists over many years, I have finally acquired the knack of giving papers without much trouble. The paper on the Wilcox which I gave at Corpus Christi could readily be given again as far as I am concerned, if you think it is worth while. However, the time limit you have set, 25 to 30 minutes, appears rather short to me, and if there is anything I hate it is to have to race through a paper. Perhaps an adjustment of that item can be made.

The real hitch, as I see it, is the manuscript. I am already under moral obligations to work on other materials and I doubt very much whether I would have enough time to August 1 to put a manuscript together. To keep my obligations clear, I must say no as to a manuscript. I really regret that situation very much myself because I would like to see some of the new results we have in print and get started on Wilcox work in general.

I am very much indebted to the Corpus Christi geologists. They gave my talk such a wonderful reception and were so hospitable. I also appreciate greatly your interest in my paper and hope we can work out an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned.

Very truly yours,

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