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Dear Phil:

Could you have the kindness to ask a competent paleontologist to look at the type specimen (or specimens) of Eosinica elevata (Aldrich) from Woods Bluff, Alabama. The specimen is said to be at the Alabama Geological Survey.

The question to be answered is this. Is the shell material brownish, glossy, and semitranslucent or is it white, dullish, and opaque like an ordinary fossil gastropod. If it has the former appearance, it might be a phosphoritic shell and probably a brachiopod.

This inquiry is prompted by the fact that I have an almost finished manuscript on a similar form, a brachiopod, from the base of the Midway Group in Texas. I wish I had time to look at the specimen myself.

I spent the last six weeks in Europe on an extended field trip through the Paleocene-Eocene-Oligocene of Alsace, Mainz Basin, Belgian Basin, Paris Basin, and Biarritz region. There was also a good opportunity to study at the various museums in Paris. Now, all the notes taken there have to be digested and filed in their proper places.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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