

Wassenaar, 10th September 1958

Dr. H.B. Stenzel,
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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Your letters of August 7 and 18, and two of the three parcels are at hand. Thank you very, very much. The silicified Palaeozoic fossils are certainly a queer set by Recent standards. I am very happy with the Weches sample, which has a fairly well preserved fauna. There are quite a few cup-shaped specimens of the Lunulites-Trochopora type which is a fascinating group to work with. Their presence indicates a sandy, silty or calcarenitic level bottom environment.

I am sure glad to hear that you are happy with the Bende-Ameki stuff. The last parcel, containing the sample collected at locality No.2, is well on its way to your desk. It consists mainly of small fry, but has a distinct advantage over the other samples in that it was collected in situ from a vertical face in the railway cutting.

Next week I shall be leaving for a 4-6 weeks stay at the British Museum (Natural History) in London, where I hope to learn something more about Recent Gulf Bryozoa.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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