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Dear Stenzel:

As I wrote you some months ago, I would like to see you regarding the possibility of getting some samples of Claiborne age to compare the coccoliths with those of our California Eocene and European material. I have a few scattered samples of Cook Mountain and Weches that are very interesting, but have hoped to get some at lesser intervals within a continuous sequence if this is possible.

I am now planning to stop by Houston on October 27 and 28 en route to Alabama where I hope to get better samples from the Wilcox and Midway, and then on to the G.S.A. meeting at St. Louis. If this time would not be convenient to see you, perhaps I can rearrange my schedule. I am hoping that some one in Houston might have a core sequence through parts of the Claiborne of southern Louisiana, and that I might obtain small samples (about one cubic centimeter is an adequate sample for my work).

I had once hoped to make some field collections from the Sabine River section but judge this is not very satisfactory, though perhaps the San Augustine section is better. Weather, time schedule, etc. may make any field collecting difficult at this time, but I hope to get some good advice from you. I also wish to see Mr. R. Rezak who was working on Cretaceous coccoliths for the U.S.G.S. and is now with Shell there in Houston.

Many thanks for your good letter of last May 19, and with best regards,

Sincerely yours,



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