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IPC, Alamo National Bldg.  
San Antonio, Texas  
April 15, 1933

Dr. E. H. Sellards,  
The University of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Dr. Sellards:

It was my intention to discuss with you at 76. worth the correlation problems of our local group, but unfortunately I was not able to contact you at an opportune moment. Perhaps I may be able to see you in Austin some time soon.

The A. A. P. G. has a committee on Geologic Names and Correlation, of which J. G. Hartman at Tulsa is chairman. There are sub-committees on Tertiary, Mesozoic, and Tertiary with Armstrong Price as chairman of the latter. In addition the various local societies have committees, and I am chairman of the South Texas Society's committee.

An effort is being made at this time to coordinate the usage of names and correlations in the Gulf Coast. Our principal difficulties have been due to divergent views on the relationships of the Vicksburg, Rio, Marine Oligocene, and Gatchow. Someone who is able to collect data from all possible sources, including some checking of type localities and other field observations, should be able to contribute much to the solution of our difficulties, and it seems to a number of us that Dr. Stensol probably is the most logical and best qualified individual to undertake this task. It would require considerable time and effort, but the establishment of an acceptable correlation should greatly facilitate the work of the oil geologists.

There are other problems of correlation in this area which urgently need attention, particularly in the Claiborne, but the Oligocene-Tertiary problem is most pressing at the moment.

Thanking you for your letter, and hoping to see you soon,  
I remain,

**COPY** truly,

Original signed by  
JOHN P. SANDIDGE  
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cc - Dr. Price  
Dr. Stensol