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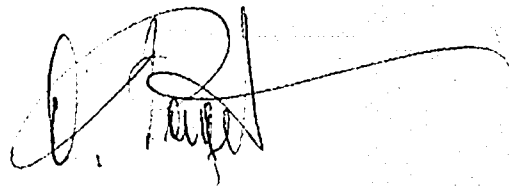
Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Dr. Joseph Graham was so kind to give me your letter you wrote to him on November 29. From this I learned of your interest in *Ostrea cristata* Born and of your wish to study this species more in detail.

As Dr. Graham probably has told you already, it is quite impossible to send Born-types abroad. As you probably know, the so-called "Born-Originals" are the first stock of our Museums Collection, collected by Emperor Franz I. (1748). So you certainly will understand that these specimens are of unique value. But trying to help you with your work I spoke the other day with the girl here at the Museum ~~mann~~ who makes the casts and is an excellent specialist on this field. She would be willing to do it for you, but, trying this kind of casts of shells for the first time she thinks it will take about three to four weeks and the price would be about 8 Dollars (+ 1 Dollar). So, please, would you let me know, whether you are interested in this or not, so that I could make the necessary arrangements.

Wishing you at the same time a very happy and prosperous New Year,

sincerely yours,



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