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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

It would appear that I do things in 3s, for yesterday, ~~after~~ nearly three years to the date I took my oral examination for the filosofie licentiate degree with Dr. Hesseland. The date I refer to, of course, is the evening on which I took my oral exam for you, Barker, Perkins and Sawin. I did well and received the highest grade possible under the Swedish academic system "Berömlig"-which I also received on ~~my~~ the 4 papers I submitted for a thesis. Dr. Hesseland is quite pleased with my progress and has been of great help in encouraging my investigations and arranging for sufficient aid in many respects.

As you may know, I am going to Princeton University for the next academic year to continue my taxonomic investigations of Paleogene planktonic forams. It is an excellent base to operate from, for both Washington and New York (and their respective museums) lie within short traveling distances. As you may also know, I received a grant from the AAPG for travel and field expenses-and plan a trip thru Houston and out to the west coast next spring or summer. I have also received a doctoral stipend to continue my work here in Sweden which releases me from my duties at the institute. Dr. Hesseland is simultaneously trying to arrange for my appointment as vicariate docent in paleontology-since there will be an opening there with Dr. Reymont's promotion to Lectorate (Lecture). This position carries with it the sole responsibility of teaching 75 hours a year (which I have been doing anyway since I came here), so that such an arrangement would be the culmination and realization of a great deal of work. Needless to say, I am very pleased with the way things have turned out. All because you had faith in a not-too-certain graduate students three years ago.

Have just returned from an exhausting trip thru Poland. Drove Dr. Hesseland in my car across East Germany and over to Warsaw. The

meetings turned out to be interesting and I gained much from discussions with the Pozaryskis- she is working on the Maestrichtian-Danian-Paleocene of Poland. Had 4 days in Warsaw, hardly enough to see all we wanted. It is a sad city as far as I am concerned. I never seen such destruction in my life. The ghetto stands barren still as mute testimony to the German madness. The Poles do not forget. In some places they preferred to speak English to German or French (Madam Pozaryska, for instance pointed this out to me. Strangely enough, her husband speaks German, but not English; she speaks English and French). We met L. Calembert, the Belgian who has done much work with Maestrichtian hard grounds (beach rocks) and he joined in our discussions. They will be renewed at the Congress with positive results I hope.

We spent three days in the Mesozoic sequence south of Copenhagen after a special one day trip with Mad. Pozaryska to see the Maestr.-Paleocene near Pulawy on the Vistula. Then down to Kielce and a one day trip thru the Holy Cross Mts. ending up at the cloister overlooking some beautiful scenery. Drove to Krakow and saw the institute there and then spent a day out in the field in the foothills of the Carpathians looking at the flysch. Hessland\* I came to the tentative conclusion that flysch is another unfortunate term that has crept into the literature unnecessarily. Does not seem to differ appreciably from other similar deposits elsewhere. Then we drove across southern Poland (thru the strongly razed Breslau) and across the border with our souvenirs and about 150 kilos of samples. Made it safely back to Sweden, but it was a tired car that crept back to Stockholm after over 600 kilometers on the road. Now we look forward to a quiet summer, at least until August. Am preparing a little guidebook over localities in Denmark which I shall show interested parties (similar to the itinerary we followed last fall when I took Dr. Hessland around). If you are interested, please let me know. I can send it to you ahead of time if you like to familiarize yourself with the geography and local conditions.

Please convey my best wishes to Barker and Rainwater and Jim Wilson and tell them of my lic. degree (it is equated by the Univ. in Sweden with our PhD at home), since they have all at some time or other had something to do with my education.

With very best regards,

Bru Bryson