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Dr. H. E. Vokes  
American Museum of Natural History  
Central Park West at 79th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Vokes:

I do not seem to have acknowledged the receipt of the nautiloid which you were so kind to lend me. It arrived safely and is of great help to my studies.

I am nearly finished with describing the new species of nautiloids in our collection. Among these is a very interesting specimen near related to your Herzoglossa simiensis. The species from Texas has a much deeper ventral lobe than simiensis. The presence of this lobe is so unusual for a Herzoglossa that I intend to establish a new genus in the family Herzoglossidae. This genus will receive the new species and simiensis as a form transitional to Herzoglossa. The new genus is apparently an off-shoot from Herzoglossa stock and did not develop any further.

The work on the specimen which you were so kind to send is almost finished, and I will return it to you very soon.

With my thanks for your cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel, Geologist

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