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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Thank you for your letter of September 2. Since my first letter to you I have read your paper on the "Living Nautilus" more carefully and discussed various points with my associates and several graduate students. It is the feeling of the whole group that we should go on record expressing our reaction toward the usage of the terms "siphon" and "siphuncle" as well as the terms "venter" and "dorsum".

We also have several minor points which we wish to submit to the editorial office suggesting desirability of inclusion of additional information in this "sample report". There are also a few cases of possible errata which we will submit to you personally.


To summarize, we have three categories of comments:

- (1) Remarks on the terminology in perspective of the established usage,
- (2) Suggestions to editors on general coverage of the subject, and
- (3) Minor editorial corrections for your personal information.

Will you be good enough to give me your opinion as to what would be the most appropriate manner of handling our expressions. For example, should we send a written communication on item (1) to the "committee" to which you refer in your letter of September 2? Or should we raise the issue and invite general discussion by a note in the Journal of Paleontology? Should the items in (2) be combined with those in (1) and treated in the same manner or would it be preferred to separate them out and submit them as a letter to the "committee"? Or perhaps it would be better for us to prepare a statement and to send it to you for your appraisal and for suggestions for further action?

With best wishes and kind personal regards.

Sincerely,


Siemon Wm. Muller
Professor of Geology

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