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Dear Dr. Teichert:

Please accept my thanks for your separates of

"New Nautiloids from the Older Tertiary of Victoria"
"Deposits of shells transported by birds"
"A simple device for coating fossils with ammonium
chloride"
"Some coral reefs of the Sahul Shelf"

which were of great interest to me. I was particularly interested in your nautiloids. There is one remark I might make. Deltoidonautilus ellicotti is quite common at the type locality and collecting there probably could produce some fifty specimens.

I am at present engaged in gathering information on living Nautilus. There is a report of a living Nautilus pompilius having been collected in "Foul Bay, Southern Yorke Peninsula, alive, Riddle 1920" in Cotton, B. C., and Godfrey, F. K., Malacol. Soc. South Australia, Publ. 2., p. 19, 1940. Can you guide me to other Australian records of live Nautilus or floating dead shells? Perhaps you have some personal observations to offer.

The South Australian records extends the geographic range of Nautilus greatly and seems very important to me.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel
Geologist

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