

February 19, 1963

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May 5, 1964,

Dr. Dan E. Feray
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Dear Dan:

Remember me? I am still alive and kicking and very, very busy with the family Ostreidae. If everything turns out as I hope it will, there will be a good article on the Ostreidae for the Treatise and possibly a major publication (book) in addition. But one needs materials for study and for illustrations.

Last fall I established very good personal connections with the National Museum, Paleontology section, at Paris and they may send me some material or make casts and photographs of types for me. At any rate, they were very hospitable during my 2-1/2 week stay (too short) in Paris. Now Dr. Sornay of that museum has asked me whether I could help him with Texas Cretaceous ammonites. One could establish a trade on the basis of ammonites. Would it be possible for you to furnish me some of the most common ammonites from Texas or vicinity? Those that are the easiest for you to get would certainly do fine.

Are you still interested in foram material? I have some European samples, some stratigraphic type localities.

In the spring semester I shall teach one course at Rice, in addition to my work with Shell. Rice seems to be very happy to have me teach there. Their students are perhaps not any brighter than some I taught at the University of Texas, but they are uniformly well motivated. There seem to be no get-rich-quick types at Rice; University of Texas was full of them. But stratigraphy is not as easy to teach in the midst of the flat Pleistocene terraces and distances to good exposures are on the large side mostly.

Wishing you a successful "1963",

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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