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Dear Sir:

Your last letter and the package of fossil shells that you sent some time ago have arrived safely. I am very glad to have these fine fossils. There are many forms among them that I am much interested in.

As you see I have moved to Austin, Texas, and this is the reason why I did not get to answer your letter earlier. Please pardon the delay. With the same mail there is being sent to you two packages of fossils from the Middle Eocene of Texas. There are in all sixty species. Of these, thirty-two should be considered as exchange for the specimens that you sent, and the remaining twenty-eight are for a new exchange. I am very glad to have as much material as you would like to exchange. By the time of your next exchange, I shall have sorted some very nice material from Claiborne, Alabama. I presume that you have no specimens from that famous locality.

I am very anxious to obtain as much Tertiary literature as possible and for that reason I would like to ask you to write me which of your government offices has published on the Tertiary of New Zealand and where I could get some of the publications. Naturally, I am not able to buy all of them and I would be very glad to exchange my publications for something of that kind. Concerning Tertiary Brachiopods, I am sorry to say that the entire Tertiary of Texas has produced only one species of Brachiopod at one single locality. At that locality the Brachiopods are imbedded in hard rock. Should your friend be interested in these, I would be very glad to send him some topotype material. This species is Argyrotheca poweri.

Very sincerely yours,

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