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Dear Dean Berry:

Please accept my thanks for your kind and interesting letter of December 11, and also for the interest you have taken in my paper. I am glad that we are in agreement concerning the Yegua and Gosport. Your statement, "my impressions . . . lense", states relationships with terseness and clarity.

The plant-bearing clay lens at the top of the Gosport along the old ferry road is still there. I saw it in 1939.

It is to be regretted that there is no one to take your place in the investigation of our Tertiary paleobotany. There is so much to do and the stratigraphy is so much better known now than at the time when you were writing your numerous papers. The petroleum geologists have done a good job in straightening out our Gulf Coast stratigraphy and in mapping the formations. However, at the present time very little surface mapping is being done by the oil companies, their work has gone below the surface largely. We at the Bureau are actually doing more detailed and stratigraphically more significant surface work than the companies now.

I took the liberty of naming one of the Aturias in your honor. It is an expression of my gratitude for your generous cooperation as regards the types which are at Johns Hopkins.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel, Geologist

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