

February 17, 1964

AIR MAIL

**Professor Hubert Frings
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Dear Professor Frings:

In response to your letter of February 5, the reprint of my article is enclosed.

I have spent some time analyzing the descriptions of Hawaiian oysters given by Dall, Bartsch, & Rehder (1938). Nearly all of their "species" are in reality Indo-Pacific species that have a wide geographic distribution, and the specific names given to them by Dall, Bartsch, & Rehder are junior subjective synonyms. Would you, by any chance, have worked on the problem of speciation in oysters? If you know of anyone who could furnish me shells of Hawaiian oysters I would appreciate hearing about him.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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Encl: Separates on oysters.

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