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Dr. Cesare Emiliani
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Dear Dr. Emiliani :

In response to your letter of October 23, there is no place in the southern U.S.A. where a complete continuous series of samples ranging from the Upper Cretaceous to the lower Eocene can be obtained for the reason that there is a discontinuity of sedimentation which separates the uppermost preserved Cretaceous of Maestrichtian age from the directly overlying lowest Eocene present, which is of lower Paleocene age. It is possible to obtain Maestrichtian fossils, well preserved, and lower Paleocene fossils, also well preserved; but the gap between these two cannot be bridged. Perhaps such samples would be sufficient for your work? If so, please let me know and we can proceed from there.

Very sincerely yours,

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