

January 8, 1963

Mr. M. M. J. Meijer
St. Hubertuslaan 37
Maastricht, Netherlands

Dear Mr. Meijer:

The package of fossil oysters arrived safely and I am happy to have these specimens. According to your statement a check for \$41.60 is enclosed with this letter.

I hope the winter weather will let up soon so that you can go out and collect some more material for me. The largest specimen which you sent is the Exogyra auricularis Goldfuss, more correctly known as Exogyra ostracina (Lamarck). This species is the largest of the oysters found at Maastricht and important for my studies. Can you get better material of this species for me? As to the Ostrea unguolata Schlotheim which you sent, these are very interesting as study material. However, every one of the specimens has a small piece of the tail end broken off. Perhaps you can collect some that are complete or collect carefully all the fragments so that one can glue them back in shape. Judging by the fine preservation of the specimens, it ought to be possible to collect perfect material. You see the material is needed for illustrations in a scientific book and should be as perfect as possible. Next time you collect, please be very careful and systematic in getting all the pieces together.

I am looking forward to hearing from you again and wish you a prosperous year in 1963.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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Enclosure: check \$41.60

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