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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

The paper on fossil otoliths is about finished. I have been working on it at the National Museum during my spare time. There seem to be about thirty-five different species belonging to thirteen genera. At present, I'm waiting on photographs. The Museum made some and the Survey is doing the others. When these are ready, I'll have the paper checked. Hope to have the paper published in the Journal of Paleontology.

I need some information to complete things. Dr. Dunkle suggests that I try to include an ecologic study. Some of the recent relatives of these fishes are known to feed on crabs, shrimp, squids,

clams, and mussels. I would appreciate it if you would supply me with a list of some common members of these groups found in the Weches, Cook Mountain & Byrom Marl formations.

Among the material from the Little Boscos River are several type specimens. Will you assign them catalog numbers or do you desire that they be turned over to the National Museum? The specimens will be shipped to you as soon as photographs can be taken. I do not know how long this will take.

Hope that everything is fine in Austin. How is teaching at Texas?

Yours truly
John H. Dante