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Mr. H. B. Stenzel
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Dear Mr. Stenzel:

Your letter of May 8th. finally reached me here. Your two packages arrived safely in Lantana and I am very anxious to see the fossils and the recent specimens which you sent for identification. These I shall have forwarded to me as soon as I am settled in Massachusetts for the summer.

In your letter you mention material in your collection which was obtained from the Tampico region of Mexico. Yes indeed, this would be very interesting to me for comparison with our own coastal records. Many of the distribution records, even of our commonest mollusks, require careful checking and the shells you have may extend the range of certain forms.

During the course of the summer I expect to do considerable work at Harvard University and with the facilities of their splendid library available it should be possible to clear up a number of puzzling questions.

My book is nearing completion but it will be possible to slip in some of your recent shell records even at the eleventh hour.

I very much appreciate your sending me the specimens and will write you again when I receive them.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maxwell Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.