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Dear Dr Stenzel,

First, many apologies for the long delay in answering your letter of August 8th and for holding up your investigation of our oysters.

Thank you for the specimen of Pycnodonte trigonalis, which will be a welcome addition to our World Collection. Although the vesicular structure is not as clear as that on your specimen, I do think I can see it on cross-breaks on the upper valve of a good topotype of Crenostrea wuellerstorfi from GS 990, Coast, Whaingaroa Survey District, Auckland Province. If I had not your specimens for comparison, I think I might have attributed the structure to pitting caused by sand grains of the matrix, but on comparison, am fairly confident to say there is vesicular shell structure. Dr Marwick and Dr Fleming have also looked at the specimen.

Yours sincerely,

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