

BENTVELD, May 19, 1966

Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Thank you very, very much for the beautiful flowers you had sent to me through the intermediary of our mutual friend, Dr. Odé. They were a very ~~good~~ great surprise, and my family and I are enjoying them ever so much. I wish you could see how well they did their job at the flowershop by surrounding a Paulinia with purple flowers by some ferns and other plants. I am sure my wife will manage to keep some of the plants for considerable time, thus reminding us for a long time of the surprise you prepared to us.

Certainly they cheered me up, as just these last weeks my health has improved and now I am allowed to go for some weeks to the south of France, where the climate is warmer than here. So I hope that after about mid-June I shall be able to resume normal work.

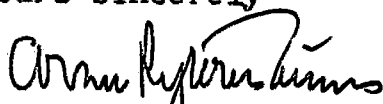
Notwithstanding my illness, which kept me at home, but of which I was not really sick the whole winter, I have been glad to do at least part of my work at home. Disposing of a binocular microscope I could do anatomic work and study the interesting genus Oopelta, arionid slugs from South Africa. My main topic for the present, however, is the marine molluscan fauna of Surinam, Holocene and Recent. The only previous paper is that of Schepman (1887), excellent but of course out of date and dealing with only 40 species, while I have ~~now~~ about 250! This work I had to interrupt, but hope to resume this summer. I thus far made a draft of a general introduction and typed out about 1/3 of the part dealing with the bivalves.

Parallel with this study I also examine molluscs from a deep well boring in Surinam. There are marine shells at about 7-18 m depth, which agree with the Holocene-Recent fauna and again at 260-310 m which according to the Foraminifera should be Eo-Paleocene. In the latter material consisting of fragments and probably young specimens I can distinguish some genera, but it will be difficult to make any specific identifications. Most of the material are oysters, and perhaps I shall ask your opinion on them in the near future, if that will not disturb you too much.

I very much hope that your own work for the treatise makes good progress. If I can help you in any way by procuring specimens or literature, please, never hesitate to ask me.

With all good wishes, and thanking again for the beautiful flowers

yours sincerely



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Yours sincerely