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Professor H. B. Stenzel,  
Bureau of Economic Geology,  
University,  
Austin 12, Texas.

Dear Professor Stenzel:

We are engaged on a research project designed to determine whether certain species of planorbid snails in the United States may serve as intermediate hosts for the various species of schistosomes which infect man. This project is correlated with the possible introduction of schistosomiasis into the United States by troops returning from endemic areas abroad.

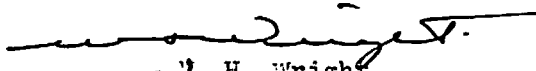
For this work, we are in need of a number of species of fresh water planorbid snails and should like to be advised whether you have available in aquaria or would be able to collect in the field snails of this group. If such is the case, I am wondering if we could ask your cooperation in forwarding to us either eggs or adult snails.

We are especially desirous of obtaining specimens of Tropicorbis; we now have T. donbilli but we understand there are three other species which are known to have occurred in Texas. Helisoma anceps and Drepanotrema cultratum are also sought.

We are enclosing for your reply a franked envelope which requires no postage.

Thanking you for any cooperation which you may be able to extend,

Sincerely,

  
M. H. Wright,  
Chief, Zoology Laboratory.

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Enclosure.