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Dear Henryk:

I learned only recently about the sudden death of Fred Plummer. I wonder how Helen Jeame is taking it?

My manuscript on Lake Titicaca is going to the G.S.A. Editors in a week or so, and I am wondering whether or not you have had an opportunity to arrive at an opinion regarding lots 25, 40 and 41, which I sent you some time back. This little faunule comes from a single horizon near the base of the great Mesozoic overlap in the high plateau of southern Peru. Evidence from Argentina and northern Peru indicates a great orogeny just prior to Portlandian time. These fossils then might be as old as Portlandian and might indicate any of a number of stages up to the Cenomanian. I am confident that they are older than Cenomanian, because the next higher fossiliferous horizon is several hundred meters above, and is clearly of Lower Cenomanian age. I realize that there isn't very much that might be diagnostic, but thought you might do something with the oysters and the little Trigonia. If these fossils are clearly Cretaceous rather than Jurassic that would be helpful. They might possibly be Neocomian.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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