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Dear Dr. Spath:

I am working now on some new nautiloids from the Eocene of the Gulf Coast. There is, for instance, a new species, the first one discovered in America, of *Deltoidonautilus*. This new species is rather close to *Deltoidonautilus sowerbyi* (Wetherell). It differs in having a less angular suture line and more inflated cross section. The new species occurs in the Reklaw formation of central Texas, which is the lowest known fossiliferous horizon of the Claiborne group. I have been unable to find a well-drawn suture of *Deltoidonautilus sowerbyi* in the literature. Would it be possible that you have some one take the suture of the type species in the British Museum?

If you would do so I would appreciate it that the interior part of the suture be depicted too. Naturally I will be glad to pay the expenses involved.

I am also restudying *Aturia*. You may remember that I subdivided *Aturia* into three genera, which appeared to me very well divided. Recently A. K. Miller has cast some doubt on the validity of these subdivisions. Before I reply A. K. Miller, I would like to recheck my data. Therefore, I would like to obtain some specimens of *Aturia aturi*, preferably from the type locality, St. Paul de Dax, Department of Landes, France. Do you know of any place where I could obtain such material by purchase, exchange, or loan? Needless to say, I would appreciate your help in this matter very greatly.

Very sincerely yours,

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