

March 12, 1964

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Dear Dr. Sornay:

Your letter of December 12, 1963, arrived long ago, but the package of oysters took much longer to reach Houston. The package has now arrived in good shape, and I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me this very fine material.

In the meantime various ammonites have been collected for you and a package is being prepared for shipment. I hope you will find the ammonites interesting.

If you could collect or obtain some more of the oysters which I have listed, I would appreciate them greatly. There are, of course, more ammonites in Texas which might be collected.

The latest work I have done concerns the generic name Rastellum as used for the first time by a binominal author (Faujas-Saint-Fond, 1799, Histoire naturelle de la Montagne de Saint-Pierre de Maestricht, p. 167). Schroeter, 1782, who was credited with Rastellum by several authors, is not binominal and not acceptable for that reason.

I assume that the Rastellum figured by Faujas, 1799, in Fig. 7 of pl. 28 is the same as Ostrea serrata DeFrance, 1821, pp. 31-32 (Dictionnaire des Sciences Naturelles, v. 22), and this species can serve as the type species. Would you care to comment on these oysters?

With my warmest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Stenzel

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Enclosure: List of 5 ammonite species to be shipped

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List of ammonites sent to Dr. J. Soznay on March 12, 1964.

UT-18182 - Mortoniceras wintoni (Adkins); Weno Formation, wintoni zone; Northern Texas, probably Cooke County.

KEF Texcrete Shale Pit - Metoicoceras whitei (Hyatt, 1903); Eagle Ford Group, Turonian; Texcrete Shale Pit near Arcadia Park, Dallas County, Texas.

UT-14682 - Drakeoceras lasswitzii Young; Georgetown Formation, Fort Worth Member, lasswitzii zone; San Gabriel River, below Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

X - Mariella (Plesiotuxrilites) brazoensis (Roemer, 1852); Grayson Formation, lower part (Cenomanien); Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas.

UT-1567 - Mortoniceras shumardi (Marcou); Kent Station Limestone, brazoensis or equidistans zone; Gomez Peak area in Jeff Davis County Texas.