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Dear Colleague:

We seem to be brothers under the skin and I regret very much that we did not get better acquainted when you still were with Shell. I count myself fortunate in having had the opportunity to become well acquainted with and a good friend of Bob Lagaaij. Please give him very warmest regards, when you see him again.

Yes, Bob collected a fine collection of Bende Amieki fossils for me. They are now at the Geology Department of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I have not done any serious work on them, nor do I plan to publish on them. There is so much undescribed Tertiary material to be had here in Texas and Louisiana that it would be a shame if I were to spend my energies elsewhere. The Bende Amieki fauna is extremely interesting and well worth working on. Much more important, though, is the fauna of the Maastricht beds. I have been trying very hard to find good illustrations of the left valve of Planospirites ostreacina Lamarek, 1801, in the literature and to no avail.

I am now engaged in writing on the "Oysters" for the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. Planospirites is a good genus and one of the few genera based on Dutch fossils. Why should there be such a lack of information? Why is not there a thorough, modern monograph on St. Pietersberg? It is a Dutch national disgrace.

On about September 1, I shall move to Baton Rouge, where I am a Visiting Professor teaching Stratigraphy. I hope to build up a good collection of fossils there and to publish a lot.

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If you need any help and I can furnish it, I shall be glad to help. Thank you for your very kind letter, which I hope will be the starting point of a belated friendship.

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