

May 2, 1969

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Dear Dr. Kugler:

My work on the Ostreidae, started about 8 years ago has reached its final stage and the manuscript should be finished this summer. The text is 356 typed pages long and there are about 100 illustrations. Altogether it is so long that Raymond C. Moore has decided to publish it as a separate volume, vol. 3, of Bivalvia in the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. It was a most exacting task to do this chapter in such a fashion that I would be satisfied with it.

By and large, I have had very good cooperation from various museums and individuals. I received donations of oyster specimens from various sources, even from Central Asia (Fergana, Uzbekistan, Gissar Mountains). It is most gratifying that the scientists of the USSR have been so cooperative. Without their specimens I would not have been able to understand the genera that were proposed in the Russian Literature.

I want to take this occasion to thank you and the Basel Museum for the loan of the fossil oysters which you sent me long ago. One part of the loan was returned several years ago. Yesterday, the remainder of the loan was sent to Dr. Gasche. I hope it arrives safely.

With many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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