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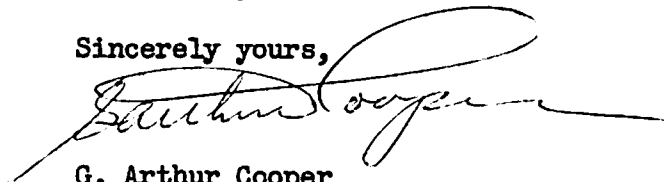
Dear Dr. Stenzel:

The U. S. National Museum bought two collections from Mrs. Renfro. The first purchase was estimated at 100,000 specimens for which we paid \$3,000. The collection was roughly divided into half Cretaceous and half Pennsylvanian. The second purchase from Mrs. Renfro was only of Pennsylvanian fossils and I presume this one is not of interest to you.

I should say that the first collection included probably 75% good specimens and the rest poor. Mrs. Renfro was a good collector and did not load up on broken or worthless specimens. I should suppose that the Adkins collection would include a fair amount of choice material and would probably be more valuable than the Renfro collection. Furthermore, if the Adkins collection is chiefly labeled material, it would be worth substantially more than the Renfro collection, which had no identified material whatsoever.

I hope these remarks will be of help.

Sincerely yours,



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