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Subject: Absent-Minded Professor Status?
 To: "Traverse, Alfred" <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al,

I fail to understand why you had to write me a letter to tell me that you didn't know my E-mail address. My September 3 E-M to you not only listed my "official" address (jecbot@lmap1), but also one of my "informal" addresses (jcanright@asu.edu). Also, Jim or James.Canright works with my host (asu.edu). Our university's asuvm system was eliminated June 1, but they continued to forward mail to that address until recently. My address listed in the IFPS World Directory (2nd ed.) is valid, although the accompanying phone and fax numbers are not. If AASP put out a 1999 Directory, I didn't get one (perhaps because I initiated the constitutional amendment to give retired members a reduced membership fee if not wanting Palynology issues).

Additional info:: my home zipcode is 85282-3729

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Sorry to hear about your problems re the 10th IPC. Although I was instrumental in getting them the bid and have spent a lot of time the past few years advising them on organizing their meetings, apparently it never occurred to them that the least they could do was to waive my \$300 registration fee. So, unless they see the light, I won't be going to Nanjing next year. Peggy doesn't want me to go anyhow, remembering my cardiac "episode" in Kunming last year.

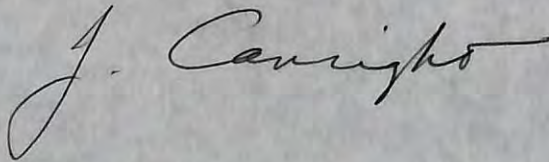
We have just returned from 2 weeks on a small ship (75 passengers only) out of Lisbon, with stops in Menorca, Gibraltar, Granada (& the Alhambra), Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily & Malta.. We flew home from Valletta via Frankfurt on the Luftwaffe (I mean Lufthansa). We're importing all the kids home for Xmas so we can have a captive audience for our photos and videos. No, the real reason is that we haven't all been together for about ten years, so I wanted to bring this about before my wheels fall off entirely.

I'd have no objection if PSU managed to end up top-ranked this year. I sure hope they beat Ohio State---Cooper is not the fair-haired boy around here since he dumped ASU for OSU after we beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl in 1987. The ironic thing is that they hired him because he beat UM, but he's only done it once since he's been in the Big Ten.

Oh, I forgot---the 10th IPC has a Web site---run out of Berlin by another Liu. The URL is:

wysiwyg://20/<http://members.spree.com/sip/spore/sp.htm> This includes the First Circular (in color) and a registration form. (The wysiwyg://20 in the URL may not be necessary).

More than enough for now---best regards to you and Betty,
 Jim



To: Jim Canright <jecbot@asuvm.inre.asu.edu>
From: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
Subject: Re: Re "the real" Miami
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Hi, Jim:

I of course, knew that would get to you. I remember fondly your tales about your comprehensive exam at Harvard and (was it Hisaw's ?) questions about the Gulf of Mexico, etc.

O. K., I don't think I've ever run this one by you. My home town in Michigan, St. Joseph, was originally called Miami (Well, Ft. Miami on some maps, but it's not clear whether the "Ft." was really part of the name, but more likely just a designation.) That goes back to Pere Marquette, and we're talking about pre-1600 in that case, probably somewhat older than Miami University in Ohio. The Indian tribe that occupied the area were apparently called Miami, but I was always confused about that because some books I read said that the Indians in SW MI were Potawatomi. HMMMMM. The river that has its mouth at Lake Michigan just after it joins the Paw Paw River (that should intrigue you) is called the St. Joseph River (the south bend of which gave a name to a little village in Indiana which became the seat of Notre Dame Univ.). There was also a Ft. St. Joseph in the old days, but that was near what is now Niles, MI. What is now St. Joseph is in fact on the site of the original Miami, I suppose the oldest one of all. Miami, Michigan, has a certain ring to it, and I wish they had kept it.

But you didn't comment on why you don't like PSU.

"We" beat Northwestern, 93-54 the other night. Tonight it's Wisconsin.

A month from tonight we'll be at the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. We're swinging by the Field Museum in Chicago to give them about fifteen boxes containing my megafossil paleobotany library. I have room only for paleopalynology. Will have a good visit with Peter Crane. Late breaking news on him is somewhat stunning. He has just been named Director of Kew Gardens.

Cheers. Al.

Delivered-To: traverse@ems.psu.edu
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Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 16:10:50 -0700
From: Jim Canright <jecbot@asuvvm.inre.asu.edu>
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.01 [en] (Win95; I)
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
Subject: Re: pubs.

Alfred Traverse wrote:

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> Hi, Jim:
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> I'm working again on the Penns./Perm. boundary area in New Mexico, and have
> made great use of the K. N. Kremp thesis, of which you helped me acquire a
> copy several years ago. Was any of that ever published? If so, can you
> steer me to a reference?
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> I also should see the Blazey 1971 dissertation on the Mogollan Rim, and
> that I don't seem to have,
> not even the pertinent parts, or whatever. I am trying to get the library
> here to borrow it, but if they fail, can you help? Was any of that ever
> published? Again, a ref. would help.
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> Hope you and Peggy are flourishing. I finally got kicked out of my space
> here--the last three of my former empire of six rooms. Have had a very
> nice office/lab built on at home, and PSU has given me a cubicle here, and
> the use of a wet lab. It will be o. k., when I get settled, but in the
> meantime, I can't find a damned thing. All of this has happened in the
> last few months.
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> Best. Al.
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Al---The Kyoko Kremp thesis wasn't one that I particularly cherished. I took her on as a favor to Gerhard, but she turned out to be a real bitch. I don't know how she was raised in Japan, but she hated her parents, hated Gerhard, used her former husband only for translation of German papers, and only put up with me until she got me to edit (read, "make sense") of her thesis. Her palynomorph photomikes were crummy and I never should have let her get by with them. I suspect that she over-macerated the samples, and also was incapable of photomicrography, developing and printing in the darkroom. When I raised these points with her, she tried to convince me that the original samples only contained poorly-preserved grains. To my knowledge, nothing was ever published, other than a brief abstract with me in the Proc. AZ Acad. Sci. 10 (p. 47) in 1975. After she left here, she divorced Peter Kremp, gave him their kid, went to California and got some kind of training in medical technology. I have no idea where she is now or even care.

Ed Blazey was another loser who was here at the same time as Kyoko. Although he was an atheist, after he got his Ph.D., he taught for several years at a Catholic university in Wisconsin, St. Norbert. Although he had previously been a business major at Miami U. (my alma mater), he asked me for an opportunity to do research in paleobotany/palynology. Because this Mogollon Rim site had just been opened up by a commercial outfit searching for uranium, I gave him the project to work on the newly-exposed shales overlying a coal seam. The fresh material was well-preserved, but weathered rapidly after exposure. The dissertation was fairly standardized for the megafossils, but I had considerable contact with Charlie Felix when we worked on the palynomorphs. I don't have a copy of his thesis, but there was a copy in the Noble Science Library at ASU. After he abruptly resigned from St. Norbert, he went to the Univ. of Florida, ostensibly to get a degree in tropical horticulture. His wife was a surgical nurse, so was able to

Jim Canright, 04:10 PM 1/8/99 -, Re: pubs.

finance his whims, as well as take care of their 3-4 kids. At this point, unbeknown by me, he published the megafossil portion of his thesis in Palaeontographica. I was incensed because there were a lot of stupid mistakes (like "audit" for adit) that I would have caught if we published jointly (as had been agreed on previously). After I chewed him out, I never even got a reprint and I threw his file away when I left my ASU office, so I can't even give you a citation on this paper. Incidentally, I still have the mounted plates for his thesis; since I don't know where Blazey is now, if you want the plates, I'll send them to you, if you're willing to reimburse me for shipping costs. My kids gave me a Panasonic combined Fax and Copier for Xmas, so I'll send you a list of citations of our publications dealing with the Rim mega- and microflora. These are mainly abstracts of papers given at meetings and have been marked with India ink on the list that I'm sending you. My Fax # is 602-967-4415 if you want to reach me this way.

Ciao,
Jim

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X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.01 [en] (Win95; I)
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
Subject: Package Enroute

Tomorrow morning I am mailing you a priority package to your PSU address. It contains the palynology plates of the Blazey dissertation; I had forgotten that I gave a copy of Blazey's thesis and the megafossil plates to Kathleen Pigg when I left my office at the university. The palynology plates are lacking the legends and mags, so you'll have to get these from Blazey's thesis.

Also in this package are a number of photographs, some of which probably should be sent to the IFPS and or AASP Archives in Pittsburg. I've put notes on most of the photos, but i can supply more information if you need it.

Ciao,
Jim

Carriest

jecbot@asuvm.inre.a, 12:59 PM 9/21/97, contact

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To: jecbot@asuvm.inre.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: contact
Cc:
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Dear Jim:

We have been at our place in the Adirondacks, but are now back for a week before heading to Utah and Oregon. Yours of 15 was among the messages awaiting me.

I'm a little confused. The new address doesn't look like a home address to me, but another ASU address. What gives? Maybe it's something I should know about, as the handwriting is on the wall that I'll soon lose the rest of my space here. I lost my microscopy lab in August, and moved all scopes into the (now very crowded) office, but I am only guaranteed that until Jan. '99, now not much more than a year. I am at the moment having an addition put on our house to be my workspace when I lose the rest. I am going to try very hard to hang onto the wet lab, as that stuff would be hard (probably impossible) to do at home.

Now, there is another problem with your current message. It goes along fine until "...just to let me know that
I was able to reach you...." Then there are five lines of
 and " " repeated over and over, with a separate line "Regards," after the first of these lines. Then another line "Jim" Then another line "
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Is this something that was supposed to be readable? If so, I missed it, of course.

Hope you are enjoying life. In case it might be of interest, we gave another \$300 to the Nittany Lion Club (the money is used for a scholarship fund and is therefore deductible for tax purposes) along with our application and check for football tickets, but the verdict was no again, for the umpteenth year (I hear rumors that \$3K might have turned the trick, but not certainly). We decided, OK, let's just be gone for the entire football season. So, it's Utah and Oregon (with Sid Ash, to collect from some outcrops in which we have mutual interest) for a couple of weeks, then to Germany until mid-November. (Fence-mending in Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Rostock, among other things.)

We are planning to spend January and February in Clearwater, Florida, but I am having this thing forwarded to our home e-mail address, which we access when on the road with a lap-top and modem. (Avoid economy motels such as Motel-6, as they tend to hardwire their phones, making them impossible for the modem.)

Best to Peggy.

Cheerio. Al.

Printed for traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)

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Date: Tue, 18 Mar 1997 15:00:13 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Nomenclature in Fossil Annonaceae (fwd)
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

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----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Tue, 18 Mar 1997 14:57:00 -0700 (MST)
From: James E. Canright <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
To: Gea Zijlstra <zijlstra@cc.ruu.nl>
Subject: Nomenclature in Fossil Annonaceae

In the first place, I am not a taxonomist. The research I carried out on extant species of Annonaceae was morphological and anatomical. Whenever the genera I studied carried *Annona* as a prefix or suffix, the double "n" was always used, because the basic genus for this family has been corrected to that spelling, and it is almost universally recognized by systematists.

In checking through my copy of "Index of Generic Names of Fossil Plants" (1820-1978), I note that *Anonaspermum reidi* described by O.M. Ball (1931) from the Eocene of Texas had not been corrected (at least prior to 1978). *Annonoxylon* was assigned to a fossil wood specimen from the Danian of the Sahara by Boureau in 1950. *Anonaceaphyllum* was not found in my Index.

Quite frankly, this matter of correcting spelling of binomials does not arouse much interest in me; I'm sure the systematists will vote for their choices of procedure at the next Botanical Congress, so that there will be a rule that everyone should follow thereafter.

Please give my regards to Wim Punt and Henk Visscher.

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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
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Subject: games
Cc:
Bcc:
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Dear Jim:

Figures. We paid \$1000 for our tickets to the RB and sat in the end zone. You get yours free and sit on the 30 yd. line. Of course, there probably were more PSU people wanting seats (30,000) than ASU will send.

I am a member of both Fairchild and Huntington Gardens. We will spend a whole day at the Fairchild on our upcoming trip. Huntington is fabulous. Cycads are good, but the cactuses and other succulents are fantastic. There's a lot of walking--will you be up to it? I think you can get motorized assistance if you make the case--distinguished prof. of botany with recent surgery, etc.

We spent most of a day at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden last Jan., and unlike you thought it was very good--not an outstanding collection, but a very interesting, well laid garden. The history of the place is fascinating--the enormous stone walls and dam built by Indians before CA was a state, etc.

Thanks for info about thesis. I read it, well read parts of it, this a. m., and found it interesting, though the illustrations could be anything. Sujoy should have been told not to write "n. sp." in a thesis. Creates confusion potentially.

Your opinion re the upcoming Tempe bowl does not surprise. I have a complete file on JEC, and there are frequent derogatory comments about PSU football over the years. Joepa has the best bowl record of any coach that every lived. Last year Auburn was favored to beat us, and we won by 3 touchdowns. In the last 5 years we've played Tennessee twice and were heavy underdogs both times and simply murdered T. both times. In that Tempe bowl I believe PSU has played 4 or 5 times and hasn't lost yet.

We will be watching the bowls in Atlanta, and I am expecting Joepa and company to trim Texas handily. For heaven's sakes, they have lost FOUR games already this season. Beating Nebraska was no big deal. Very overrated. Some crummy PAC team beat them, I think.

Have fun. In Pasadena you should also spend a half-day at the Norton Simon Museum--outstanding art collection. Our seats for the parade were right in front of it, after we had been there just a couple of days before. You've had your prostate surgery now and probably don't have frequency problems, but I remember the Rose Bowl for incredible distances to the nearest job johnny--it was murder. I was standing in line in front of one of them at halftime when two former students from palynology classes came running up--I was having great difficulty making small talk.

Merry Xmas. Al.

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 1996 14:40:48 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Re: Gupta thesis
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al---Thanks for your two messages. Just picked up our Rose Bowl tickets. They're not bad; 21st row about opposite the 20-30 yd. line in the SE area of the stadium. We're hosting a Chinese couple from Bangkok; their daughter was born in Tempe when they were in graduate school and they asked us to be the godparents. In 1993 they flew us to Bangkok business class on Thai Airlines, put us up in the Oriental Hotel (the world's finest) and gave us a tour of the country in their chauffeured Mercedes. Peggy didn't want to go, so our youngest daughter, Eloise, accompanied me. We still can't believe it. In any event, whatever I can do for them here will be just a drop in the bucket compared to what they did for us.

I've always wanted to visit the Huntington Gardens. They used to be ranked with the Fairchild Gardens, which (pre-hurricane, at least) had the finest cycad collection in this country. However, when we were at the IOPC-V in Santa Barbara last July, we went a long way to visit the Sta. Barbara Botanic Garden and were quite disappointed in the place.

As far as I know, Gupta's thesis was never published. And since I don't claim to know much about Devonian palynology, I'm unable to properly evaluate the quality of this work.

Although I don't particularly care for the U. Texas Longhorns, because of the way they handled Nebraska, I think they'll beat PSU in our "Tostitos Fiesta Bowl."

Jim

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Date: Tue, 17 Dec 1996 15:36:20 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Letter Acknowledgement
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Dear Al,

Your 10 December letter arrived today, so I'm acknowledging by this medium in order to let you know that I'm back in my office again. In fact, I'll probably still be trying to move my books and large amounts of preserved floral material well into the new year.

I have been wanting to buy a PC for our home, but have been hesitant because everyone I talk to about it recommends different specifications. Besides, the prices will probably drop after Xmas.

The Rose Bowl ticket problems arose because, after 31 years we dropped our season football tickets this year. That kind of timing seems to be similar to my experiences in investing in the stock market. Nevertheless, yesterday we obtained Rose Bowl tickets and the travel package courtesy of a former student from Taiwan who is now a millionaire businessman in Bangkok. That's too difficult to explain here, so I'll wait to tell you the whole story sometime in the future. Anyhow, if we beat OSU and Florida beats FSU, we should attain the #1 ranking as the only undefeated team.

Relative to your remarks about why Texas was selected over BYU to play PSU in our Fiesta Bowl, one pundit remarked that the last time BYU went to a bowl game in San Diego, the Mormons brought \$20 and the Ten Commandments and they didn't break any of them!

Your reference to the old geezer who was catheterized gave me an unwelcome internal twinge. It seems that when my plumbing shut down completely, they waited 6 weeks to operate, because I had been on the blood thinner, coumadin, because I have atrial fibrillation. Coumadin (which is also known as Warfarin, a common rat poison) is recommended for persons with an irregular heart beat to reduce the chances of a clot causing a stroke. I wouldn't authorize the electric shock that Mother Teresa is now undergoing. So, while waiting for my blood to thicken enough to operate, I wore a catheter and attached bag day and night. No joy!

Dave Jarzen has just taken a job in the Univ. Fla. Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, where he will be curating Dilcher's collections as a major part of his duties. If you happen to go near Gainesville over the Holidays, the Jarzens plan to move there by January 2nd.

MERRY XMAS & a H.N.Y.!!

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10 December, 1996

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Dear Jim:

Yours of 27 November just in. No wonder they call it snail mail. But, since you are 1. "moving out" and 2. laid up, I thought I'd better stick with it for this answer.

First of all, I'm very sorry to hear you had to be operated on for that problem. No piece of cake. Still, we're lucky to live in an age in which it is possible. When I was a kid, I used to visit an old guy who gave me interesting stamps and discussed philately with me. I thought he was a million, but I suppose he was probably about 65. He had to be catheterized 100% of the time, hence could go nowhere outside of the home. Prostatectomy was a huge and dangerous operation then, and my guess is that he was evaluated as not being able to withstand it.

Yes, I requested that ref. when I was doing the book, and it appears on p. 10 with literature reference. Unfortunately, I can't find evidence that I acknowledged your help. The acknowledgments were botched, and it wasn't all my fault. The publisher had a very cavalier attitude about them.

Yes, Anita Karg does have the Bot. Soc. archives. I was just down there and enjoyed the whole experience very much, as usual. The Sherwood collection of botanical art on exhibit at the Hunt is outstanding. I'm sure she would be delighted to have whatever you want to send. (Hunt Inst. for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890.)

Mr. Cooper is the least popular visiting coach who comes here because of nasty things he always says about PSU and its environs. Two years ago our team murdered them, 62-14. Last year they beat us in the last minute, and this year, they murdered us. How they managed to lose to Michigan, a team we beat handily, is unfathomable.

What do you mean, you can't get tickets to the R. B.? In the first place, don't season ticket holders have priority? In the second place, have you tried for a package from a travel agency? That's what we did two years ago. We can't get tickets to Beaver

Stadium, though we've tried for years, but we can get tickets to any out of town game we wish to attend--if we're willing to pay, of course. The R. B. cost us \$1000 for the game tickets alone. But the package included far more--marvellous seats for the parade, etc. Tour of the float manufacturing facility a couple of days before the game, etc.

We had made plans to visit Canadian cousins all over Florida, assuming that PSU would go to one of the FL bowls--the smart money was on the Orange bowl. Then the NLs finished really strong, and certain other folk lost who weren't supposed to. First thing we know it's PSU vs. Texas in the Tempe bowl, whatever it's called. PSU always takes a huge crowd to bowls, which is the reason that we're picked when the likes of BYU are competing with us. One person in every 700 in the USA is a PSU alum. But we personally will go to Florida and spend 1 Jan. in a motel watching bowl games, as we did last year in Beaumont, TX, enroute to California. PSU dispatched Auburn, 42-14 or some such, in the "Outback Bowl" (I am not making this up) in a tumultuous rainstorm in Tampa.

I note that I "owe" you about 20 reprints, but I have stopped sending them, as you are already flooded with stuff to throw out.

Have a great holiday and get 100% quickly.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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27 November, 1996

Dear Al,

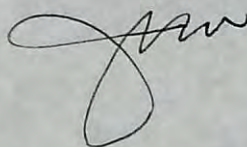
I seem to recall that you asked me for this reference when you were writing your text.

I'm in the process of moving out of my office, so am finding all sorts of things dating back 50 years. However, my moving has been set back a bit by my recent operation---a very necessary trans-urethral prostatectomy (= a ream job in lay terms). I'm not supposed to lift anything for a month, and I couldn't even drive my car for 2 weeks after the operation (on Nov. 11).

Do you know if Anita Karg also takes care of the archives for the Botanical Society? I have a lot of things that BotSoc might like to have in their archives.

How about ASU vs. OSU in the Rose Bowl? The really ironic thing is that when ASU went there 10 years ago, John Cooper was the ASU coach. In fact, because we beat Michigan in that game, this influenced Ohio State to hire him. And since then, OSU has only beaten Michigan once in 10 yrs. † We'd like to go to Pasadena again, but we can't get tickets.

Regards,



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Subject: archival materials
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Canright

Dear Jim:

Will look out for the padded envelope, etc. By no means will I edit it--as always Ms. Karg will get it, and she will decide. You're right, that was a sorry business, and it really soured me on the AASP. I was treated as some sort of a criminal in the inner circles thereof because of my presidency of (what is now) IFPS. At a meeting of AASP when Geoff Norris and I were the heads of the int. body we attended the annual luncheon. Not only were we not introduced, along with Joe Blow, who gets the prize for coming the farthest to the meeting, we were threatened with expulsion from the meeting (I am not making this up) because we called an informal meeting of the councillors present. You would have thought they'd be proud that one of their number was internationally active. I know who the people were who fomented this--mostly in Houston, TX. They even got a guy I fired as a doctoral candidate here to write a libellous letter to the NL accusing me of making money personally from ICP, etc., etc.

So, thanks for sending more material. I have to take a couple of trips now, but sometime in October I plan to make the annual run to Pgh.

Cheers. Al.

Date: Tue, 10 Sep 1996 14:46:02 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Possible Archives Additions?
X-Sender: jecbot@general1.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al,

Yesterday I sent you a padded envelope containing my file on the "ICP-AASP Controversy." Since a number of your letters are included therein, I presume that you may have already put much of this material into the IFPS Archives. However, as I indicated in my covering letter, I was reluctant to send this material to the AASP Archivist, possibly because some of my "marginalia" comments are critical of some of the AASP old guard who stirred up this mess in the first place. What an utter waste of time and energy! I imagine some of those Russophobes might be amazed to learn that the Russians have currently paid dues covering RPC into the next century.

If you determine that my file is duplicative, it won't upset me if you junk it.

Regards,

Jim

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Date: Fri, 16 Aug 1996 14:00:49 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Re: pkg & tksh
X-Sender: jecbot@general1.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al--You made a good start with your translation of the 4th proverb. My source claims it means "One day of pleasure is worth two of pain."

No, I didn't mean to imply that I understand Turkish; I just came across these phrases in a travel magazine and thought you might enjoy them.

With reference to the weird accent marks, all the "c" letters in the phrases have the little tail, except for the one in "can" in the 3rd proverb.

Regards,
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On Fri, 16 Aug 1996, Alfred Traverse wrote:

> Dear Jim:
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> I'll be on the lookout for the additional box and will post your message to
> remind me to do something if it doesn't appear.
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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: archives

Dear Jim:

The 1-2-3 files per yours of 22 July are presumably in addition to the nicely packaged IFPS files that arrived yesterday or the day before. Anita Karg at Hunt will be delighted.

Regarding the history of IFPS, I believe it is not just conceit to note that my election instead of Bhardwaj in 1976 was a critical matter. It was I that got ICP created as a commission separate from the rest of paleontology, though the then head of the paleont. group, in Germany, fought it tooth and nail. I then began to work to get it renamed and redirected, as an International Federation of Societies. The necessary steps were all in place by the time I turned the organization over to Caratini.

I confess that my pile of reading that developed during the Korea/Japan trip in May and the Adirondacks/Vermont trip in June still is sitting there. So, no, I haven't read Palynos yet.

Best. Al.

To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: pkg & tksh
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Jim:

I'll be on the lookout for the additional box and will post your message to remind me to do something if it doesn't appear.

I've done my Turkish lesson for today (at home), but will work on the translation of what appear to be atasozleri (proverbs). One problem convinces me that you are not yourself Turkish fluent (wild guess--am I right?): you mention that one u should be u-umlaut, but there are a bunch of letters in Turkish that are not renderable with e-mail (but are with Word Perfect). There is i with and without a dot, and it makes a BIG difference. There are o and u with and without umlauts, there is s with and without a tail (with tail is sh) and c the same way. There is g with and without the little halfmoon on top. The one with the halfmoon is silent but governs vowels that follow. The gu that you noted needed an umlaut also needs another letter, probably l, making the word "rose". which would make that one say: "For one rose, a thousand thorns are put up with." I'll work on the others during my Turkish study period at breakfast tomorrow. I believe I can make out all of them, but I'd like to check a few words.

Best. Al.

Alfred

No Recipient, No Subject

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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: ataszleri (=proverbs)

Dear Jim:

Errant package still not in.

I have translated the proverbs and will send translations by snail mail. Was the "i" from "gul" (u with umlaut) really missing in your copy? Anyhow, I now realize that your translations are not translations but equivalent English proverbs. The one I sent you definitely says "For one rose a thousand thorns are endured." After I got home I found that one in one of my Turkish dictionaries. It is apparently a standard proverb. I hate Turkish proverbs because all grammar books feature them, and they are next to impossible to translate. The others you sent were not per se in the dictionaries, and I am having my Turkish teacher check my work this afternoon. She is a doctoral student in Middle Eastern Studies at Pitt, but lives here because her husband is a grad student in engineering here. He is just back from doing his required military service. He is too soft from several years in a civilized country, and the military service put him in the hospital with pneumonia and dysentery. Off your week in Lucknow, you have some slight concept of what three months in the Turkish army would be like.

Best. Al.

Printed for traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)

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No Recipient, No Subject

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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: latest package

Dear Jim:

When I got to the lab this a. m. there was a package from you: 10x12x11.5 (high) inches. It contains very neatly arranged and very interesting files on various of the member societies of IFPS. This is the third package from you, and it will all gladden the heart of Ms. Karg in Pgh. It is postmarked out of Tempe on 6 August.

However, this is obviously NOT the package mentioned in your e-mail of 6 August, as it contains no Devonian or any other publications, just the aforementioned files. Am I expecting another box?

Had a great day yesterday. Took a grandson to PSU's "Ag Progress Days," held every year at this time on the PSU experimental farms. Attracts about 100 K people. Jason loved the ostrich, emu and llama exhibits, and the demonstration of how rollover bars can save you if your tractor rolls over. I guess I'll have to buy a new tractor, as my ancient Ford 9N doesn't have roll bars, and I mow plenty of hillsides where it would be possible to roll over. Betty is in Binghamton visiting our son, Paul, and family, and it occurs to me that if I rolled over, I wouldn't even be FOUND until she gets back on Sunday. We took two tours also, the general research tour, which is always fascinating in terms of what people will do to get grants -- in the apple orchards there were dozens of tubes, down which we were told root growth is being followed with arrays of videocameras. The other tour was a demonstration of how to create an artificial wetland. In the question period I asked if the PA Highway Dept. is to be believed when they say that it's no problem when they destroy wetlands--they make new ones. The leader, from the federal Dept. of Agric. said, "Yes, they can make a wet place, but it takes centuries to duplicate the environment and may never be possible." This is in the news around here because Penndot is busily destroying square miles of wetlands in the rerouting of I-99 along Bald Eagle Ridge.

Hang in there, and please let me know if there is yet another box coming.

Al.

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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: publications
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Jim:

Re yours of 6 Aug. I'll look at the Devonian pubs. to see if I already have. If I don't, by all means, they will be very useful, as Devonian is probably my future in palynology--I could take a cab to hundreds of important outcrops when I get too silly to drive. I do indeed have a policy of shipping duplicates to former students. Strother is one of them--for the really old stuff (geologically, that is), Arens for Cret. and Cenoz., Sarah Fowell for Jurassic-Triassic, Volkan Ediger for just about anything--the library situation in Turkey is pathetic, etc.

In your closing sentence you mention your extensive "library and bound journals," and ask if I'd like anything. That is most kind. If I had a list I would surely pick out some things. For example, somebody in the last year stole both my Taylor and Taylor 2nd ed. and my Rothwell & Stewart 2nd ed. paleobotany texts. If you have either one I'd love them and would pay you whatever you suggest. If you have Pollen et Spores, I'd like that. Etc.

However, assuming that you are not a lot richer than I, I'd like to suggest you try to find a university or college or museum in Arizona or an adjacent state that would like the stuff for their collections. You would get a dandy IRS deduction, spreadable over several years, even if it turns out later that they just got rid of the stuff. You'd need to have a complete list. You'd need to get the donee to acknowledge and give an estimate of the value. There's an IRS form to be filled out. Your tax man should be on top of the situation.

Allahismarlardik! Al.

Date: Tue, 06 Aug 1996 16:10:15 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Re: archival material
X-Sender: jecbot@general5.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al, When I packed up that big box of archives yesterday, I got carried away and also shipped you copies of some translations from Russian papers that I purchased from the Canadian Geological Survey back in the 60s. Since you are still working on the Devonian, two papers may be of value to you (Andreyeva, Y.M., 1962: "Most important middle Devonian spores of the Kuznetsk Basin," and Chibrikova, Y.V. & A. Rozhdestvenskaya, 1959: "Spores from the Devonian and older deposits of Bashkiria" (247 pp.)).

Other translations included in this batch are Bolkhovitina's classic (1961) "Fossil & contemporaneous spores of the family Schizaeaceae" (176 pp.), as well as her 1950 paper on "Lower Cretaceous spore-pollen complexes of the Chulymo-Yennessei Basin of South Ural and Kazakhstan." Also a brief paper by Bondarenko (1958) on "Palynological characteristics of the Albian and Cretaceous deposits of the Khatanga Depression."

If you have no interest in these perhaps some of your former students like Paul Strother might use them. None of my former students are still doing stratigraphic palynology, with the exception of Don Engelhardt, but he is mainly involved with Tertiary horizons.

Now that my IFPS responsibilities are over, I'm starting to move out of my departmental office, but still haven't figured out what to do with my extensive library and bound journals. If you want anything, let me know.

Regards,
Jim

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On Tue, 6 Aug 1996, Alfred Traverse wrote:

> Dear Jim:

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> Just what I needed to hear. When the box described arrives, I'll know it's
> time to go to Pittsburgh. Think I'll take in a Pirates game, as I haven't
> seen them play since they left (sigh) Forbes Field. 45 years ago in a few
> weeks Betty and I went to see a Pirates/Cardinals game to celebrate my

- > birthday. The Cards won, 4-1 on a Stan Musial double. It was so cold that a
- > bunch of the Card relief pitchers build a bonfire in the bullpen and were
- > thrown out of the game. We had a blanket. Forbes Field was a marvellous
- > place, set in the middle of a big park, next door to the Hunt Library, by
- > the way. Three Rivers is so like Riverfront, and others, that it has no
- > special character.
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- > Back to the microscope. Devonian of north central PA.
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- > Best. Al.
- > Alfred Traverse
- > Palynological Laboratories
- > Department of Geosciences
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- > Ph.: 814-863-3419
- > Fax: 814-863-7823
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Date: Mon, 05 Aug 1996 16:45:12 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Re: archives
X-Sender: jecbot@general5.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
Cc: palynolo@geo.arizona.edu

Al-- You probably should delay your trip to Pittsburg until the box I mailed today arrives. This 11 1/2X12X9" box contains the following items:
(1) 3 packets of my correspondence with IFPS-affiliated societies from 1988 through June of 1996;
(2) correspondence of Editor of the ICP Newsletter, 1978-80;
(3) correspondence of Editor of PALYNOS, 1984-1992;
(4) miscellaneous newsletters from affiliated societies, 1978-present.

That last item you may want to dump, but I thought I'd let you make the decision.

This box completes all the ICP and IFPS archival material that I have, with the exception of my 1992-96 presidential files that I'm sending to Owen later this week.

Regards,

Jim

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On Sun, 4 Aug 1996, Alfred Traverse wrote:

> Dear Jim (&Owen):

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> To date I have received the following items for the IFPS archives:

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> 1. A salmon-colored European style folder labelled "1988-1992 H. Visscher
> Presidential Archive; To J. Canright." It's also marked, "Forwarded to A.
> Traverse 17-VII-96."

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> 2. A corrugated cardboard box, 9.5x10.5x11.5 inches, containing
> miscellaneous, nicely labelled correspondence between JEC and various
> IFPS-related individuals and societies. Like item 1., this one came from
> Tempe, of course.

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- > 3. A corrugated cardboard box, 12x18x9 (high) inches, containing copies of
- > Palynos and other journals, yearbooks, correspondence, etc. (Many thanks
- > for not throwing out any of it, Owen!) This box came from Owen in Tucson.
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- > All of these arrived in apple pie order. I will now make an appointment
- > with Ms. Karg at Hunt to deliver the stuff (and view their marvellous
- > botanical exhibit of the season), IF you will let me know that this is IT
- > for the current interregnum.
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- > All the best. Al.
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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: archives
Cc: palynolo@geo.arizona.edu
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Canright

Dear Jim (&Owen):

To date I have received the following items for the IFPS archives:

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All the best. Al.

Date: Tue, 30 Jul 1996 15:58:55 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: E-mail non-delivery problem
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al - The reason your 7/17/96 E-mail wasn't delivered to me is because you substituted an "l" for a "1" (number one) in my address. Yes, I know they look very similar, especially when our eyesight is going downhill.

However, E-mail still has it all over snail mail---your printed-out message to me was postmarked July 22 and I just received it 8 days later.

I expect that you have received a big box of ancient archives from me by this time; it's mostly editorial correspondence with affiliated societies dating back to 1978.

Yes, barring war, pestilence or natural disasters, the 10th IPC will be held in Nanjing in the year 2000 (month to be set later).

Regards,

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Date: Mon, 22 Jul 1996 16:46:06 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Archives Shipment
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>

Al,

Just wanted to notify you of a forthcoming shipment of the following three files:

- (1) JEC correspondence with IFPS Executive (Visscher & Punt) 1988-1992;
- (2) JEC correspondence with IFPS-affiliated societies, 1984-1988; and
- (3) JEC correspondence with ICP-affiliated societies, 1978-80.

I started reading some of the stuff in that 1978-80 file and was amazed that with all the controversy, an international organization could ever get off the ground. That mess with Elsie & Burgess in AASP, the Indian Nair creeping around, the Taiwan boo-boo, Zaklinskaya's fractured English, etc. And now we have 23 societies, with all dues paid in full!

Incidentally, didn't you read my valediction in the June issue of Palynos, where I announced that the 10th IPC would be in Nanjing in 2000?

Regards,
Jim

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To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
From: traverse@ems.psu.edu (Alfred Traverse)
Subject: IFPS archives, etc.
Cc: palynolo@geo.arizona.edu
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Jim:

What a nice note from you (dated 12 July). I have been very preoccupied, with visiting relatives (Celia and kids, here for Central PA Festival of the Arts), and at the microscope--my funded project to study pollen in a core from Copan, Honduras (the Mayan center), is up against a deadline. I will complete the microscopy today (55 samples). Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be much of a story. More often than not the case with archeological palynology, in my rather extensive experience.

I believe I told you before why I was not going to attend the Congress in Houston. Mostly it had to do with our trip to Korea and Japan for most of May, followed by our obligations in the Adirondacks, which are usually handled in May or early June, but couldn't be this year. I didn't go to Santa Barbara because we were there for a while in January, and the fieldtrips seemed to duplicate things I did years ago. My former student, Nan Arens, tells me that it was a good meeting. Betty and I also stayed near the campus, but instead of "a nice suite" it was at Motel-6. I'm glad you and Peggy had a nice time in the area. We thought the S. B. Botanical Garden and the S. B. Art Museum were both worth the trip.

Whether I am still archivist for IFPS depends on Owen Davis' wishes. I'll copy this to him, and he can let me know. I think archiving is a super idea, though perhaps you know that I took some heat from Jansonius about it during the last few months. He simply doesn't believe in it--why not just dump the stuff, etc. But he is clearly wrong. I am willing to continue my not very onerous function. I rather enjoy going to Pittsburgh occasionally to check on it. The Hunt does a super job with the archives, on a shoestring budget.

I believe it is best to send the stuff to me, as I then combine it with items I have from other sources. E. g., I just ran across a lot of stuff from Int. Aerobiology Assoc. (they were with us when I was pres.) that I'll take on my next run. I don't take ANYTHING out of what is sent me--that's Hunt's job, but I do arrange things a bit usually. I then make an appointment with the archivist and go down. Sometimes I hear things that I feed back to IFPS about items wanted. (They always beg me to get officers and council members to send pictures--well labelled!) I'll look forward to getting the Visscher materials. It would be nice if he succeeded in finding some materials from Jonker's presidency, which is one of our big gaps. I have pleaded with Henk about that in the past.

I am not archivist for AASP, though their archives are also at Hunt. I don't know who does it. Surely the current pres. would know. The logo file should certainly go to the archives.

That seems to take care of it. I thought of you this last week, as I recall a message from you

long ago in which you said that you assumed that we attended all the Nittany Lion home games. I have been to exactly one in thirty years. Also have attended two away games--PSU 19, OSU 0 in (I think) 1978, when I conducted Jim Schopf's funeral in Columbus, and PSU 39 Oregon 21 (or something like that) in the Rose Bowl in Jan. 1995.

(I always wanted to see the Rose Bowl parade--it was great.) Well, three years ago when retirement was coming on we decided, what the heck, let's apply for season tickets in Beaver Stadium. Now that it holds 100,000 surely there's room for us. We applied two ways, as a prof. and as a member of the Nittany Lion Club (we contribute because we are BIG FANS of the women's basketball team). We could have got 4 tickets, 2 or 0. We got 0. We tried last year again, and again this year. Same result.

This last year they reported that ticket retention was 99.1%. Oh, well.

All the best. Greetings to Peggy. Al.

Date: Fri, 12 Jul 1996 16:52:20 -0700 (MST)
From: "James E. Canright" <jecbot@imap1.asu.edu>
Subject: Archival Material
X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
Cc: palynolo@geo.arizona.edu

Dear Al,

Sorry you didn't make it to the 9th IPC. Although this is the first time that an IPC has been held in a hotel, it went off much better than I had expected. I didn't hear the official final registration figure, but I had been told previously that they had over 450 registrants.

Right after I got home from Houston on the 28th, I picked up Peggy and we flew in a small plane (19-passenger) to Santa Barbara for the 5th IOPC. The weather was great and we renewed a lot of old acquaintances, because I had skipped the last two IOPCs in Melbourne and Paris. Since I had no responsibilities at the Santa Barbara meetings, we stayed in a nice suite near the campus and treated the week as a vacation, including a tour of the Danish town of Solvang and a wine country tour.

Now that I am back in Tempe, I am beginning to dispose of my files and books, preparatory to REALLY retiring (which I supposedly did in 1985). I have a raft of correspondence on ICP and IFPS matters, including letters to and from affiliated societies dating back to 1978. Should I ship this stuff directly to Carnegie-Mellon, or do you want to sort through it first? I'll send you Henk Visscher's presidential papers and forward mine to the new president, Owen Davis.

Are you also the Archivist for AASP? I discovered a file on the development of the color scheme for the AASP logo (aided by my wife and daughters). We did this before the 11th Annual AASP Meetings which I chaired in Phoenix in October of 1978 because I intended to produce 1000 pressure-sensitive logos in color for distribution. Yes, I remember that your "boy" Doug Nichols created the original B&W design with the help of a graphic artist at Chevron. However, we lit it up in Phoenix. Do you want this file?

Regards,
Jim

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Date: Mon, 1 Apr 1996 10:21:27 -0500 (EST)
From: "Alfred Traverse" <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
To: jecbot@imap1.asu.edu
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Turks back in the IFPS fold!
X-NUPop-Charset: IBM 8-Bit

Canright

In message Sun, 31 Mar 1996 13:06:10 -0700 (MST), jecbot@imap1.asu.edu writes:

> Dear Al,
> Don't know if your E-mail to Ediger offering to pick up their tab
> embarrassed them or if they were stimulated some other way. Nevertheless,
> Owen Davis (incidentally, now the Pres.-Elect) notified me yesterday
> that he received US\$33 from TCP. This pays for 11 members for the years
> 1995 & 96. So, although it is still the smallest IFPS affiliate, is with
> some satisfaction that I will be able to report to the General Assembly
> in Houston that ALL societies are now in good standing (plus the fact
> that we have added two new societies during my tenure).
> Going back to sea next week on another expedition-type ship---this
> time from Panama to Lisbon via Antigua, Madeira and the Azores. I'll
> be back in my office on April 26th. If anyone has need to reach me while
> I am on the "Polaris," their FAX numbers are: 874-110-3276 or 871-110-3276
> (depending on whether the ship is in the eastern or western half of the
> Atlantic Ocean. Cheers, Jim

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> President IFPS
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X-Sender: jecbot@general3.asu.edu
To: Alfred Traverse <traverse@ems.psu.edu>
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Al, Just got the copy of your letter to Volkan Ediger; that was most generous of you to offer to pay the 95 & 96 dues of the TCP. However, for the sake of the chance to obtain a more rapid response (because the WD-II is ready to go to press and the TCP members will be omitted), I offer you an E-mail address that you could use to reach Ediger immediately. This is the address of Bulent Harput in Ankara: bharput@petrol.tpao.gov.tr
Harput must work with Volkan and so would give him the message if you repeated your offer previously made by snail mail.

Regards to you and Betty,
Jim

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Al, After giving several warnings to the TCP Councillor relative to their non-payment of their 1995 dues, on January 15, I wrote Zuhtu Bati that TCP was being inactivated for their delinquency. He works for the Turkish Petroleum Corporation, yet has never given us either an E-mail or Fax address. I recall that the founder of this TCP group was formerly associated with you (doctoral student)---I refer to Volkan Ediger. He is no longer listed in the AASP Directory; do you happen to have an electronic mail address for him? I thought I would write him and appeal to him to send in their '95 & '96 dues (they only have 10 people, so we're talking about a lousy \$30). We're in the process of printing the second edition of the World Directory, so unless they pay up, they'll be omitted.

Regards, Jim

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Dear Jim:

Sorry about long delay with your message of 16 Feb. We had appointments at home that day and so decided just to stay there--I worked on income taxes, which is getting urgent.

Regarding financial help at the congresses, the only one that would be pertinent would be 1980, when I was the "reigning" president. Betty and I both remember that Norman Hughes and Mavis Butterworth had arranged for the registration fee for us both to be covered by the host group. At Calgary I am sure I paid for everything as "past president." Aside from those two meetings, the only ones I have attended were Utrecht and Brisbane. I didn't go to the first one in Arizona because I had just been hit by some sort of mental malady and had enrolled in seminary. I didn't go to Novosibirsk because our dean had just been pulled off a plane in Tashkent (I am studying Turkish and was amused to learn that that means "Rock City.") and kept in jail for several days. The prospect of what might happen to a priest in Tashkent, where I had to change planes, was too scary. I didn't go to Lucknow, where I was elected president, because Bhardwaj was the opposition, and I had a flock of fairly disagreeable letters from him and supporters, and it sounded like a bad scene. Besides, I would have got sick. NSF never understood it because they had given me a grant for all expenses, as presidential candidate, etc. AASP, incidentally, treated me as some sort of criminal for BEING president, published scurrilous attacks on Geoff Norris (Sec.-Treas.) and me in the newsletter (as "letters") and threatened to kick me out of an AASP convention because I scheduled a meeting of councillors who happened to be present, etc.

All the best. We waved from the interstate as we drove through your area with our truckload of fossils in January.

Best to you and Peggy. Al.

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Dear Al,

I'm taking a survey of past officers of ICP and IFPS to determine what kind of "perks" the host organizing committees of ICPs were given (if any). For example, did you and Caratini get waivers of registration fees for the Vth IPC?, or financial aid for travel, accomodations, etc. What about for the VIth IPC at Calgary? Do you have any knowledge about whether the IFPS Secy./Treasurers got any help? I'm asking McGregor and Visscher the same questions.

In case you wondered, the VIIIth IPC only gave me a waiver of the registration fee in 1992. I'm not being nosy asking these questions, but the AASP people have asked me about past practices and I don't have the answers (except for my own case).

Regards to you and Betty,
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Dear Emeritus Professor,

Glad we have been able to make contact via e-mail. Also, as my new address becomes publicized, I'm hearing from former students and some individuals overseas who haven't written me in years!

Thanks, but no thanks to your offer of your recent reprints. Since I will be vacating my nice new office in the Botany Department as soon as my IFPS presidency term is over, I have been donating my reprint files to previous students.

What is Carmen's fate since your retirement? Or has she been on the PSU payroll rather than your grant funds in recent years?

Regards,
JIM

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Dear Jim:

Betty and I are just in today from our annual trip to celebrate the wedding anniv. As you know, this year it also served to mourn my "retirement." This missive is my second act as "emeritus."

Good to know your e-mail address. Do you also have it at home? Our son, the cardiologist, has it both places and sends us messages frequently from both. In the snail mail mode we almost never heard from him.

I got our your card to fill in the e-mail address and note that I haven't sent you any reprints, apparently, since #48. I've added twenty more since then and still have reprints of most. Do you want 'em, or is it that I just didn't record on the card when I sent them?

Best to Peggy. As ever, Al.

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Dear Al,
Thanks for your good letter of 18 June that was received today---I can get
mail from Europe quicker than that!
I appreciate the brochure from the Hunt Institute; the size of their staff
amazed me. I didn't realize they were that well endowed.
The last few years I've relied heavily on Fax for rapid communications,
especially overseas. However, now that I'm not so fearful of
"computeritis," I've discovered that E-mail is much more convenient.
My address is: jecbot@Imap1.asu.edu
Congratulations to you and Betty for your forthcoming 44th anniversary
(I'm confident that Ralph Wetmore adds his blessing too).

Best Regards,
JIM

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18 June, 1995

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Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your very interesting letter of 7 June, which I passed to Betty to read, not only because there was a message for her but because it is just a fun letter.

Thanks also for the photo. I mentioned you to Anita Karg the other day when we were down there to make delivery of the McGregor/Jarzen regnum files, and a pile of stuff for IAPT Comm. for Fossil Plants, for which I am also archivist. Anita knows all about you, and you would probably be astonished (as I was about me) if you could peruse your file. She probably has photos of you from various sources going back to 1950 or so, but more are always welcome and may well be published some day. The Hunt is a really fascinating place. On the 5th floor there is always a special exhibit of botanical art, which alone is worth the trip. After making our delivery we went to the Carnegie and spent 4 hours wrapped around the lunch hour in their cafeteria, viewing the art galleries. It was fun. Ran into Jim King, Director of the whole shebang and lapsed palynologist. He recognized Betty and me from across the room and came over to chat about the state of palynology, etc. It is clear to see why he's a successful fund raiser.

I would request that you ship archival material to me, as it gives me an excuse to go to the Hunt and "show the flag." And have a little fun. This time Betty and I discovered a great Japanese restaurant in Crafton. Betty's grandmother was born there in 1877, and it is fun to try to imagine what it was like then. Grandmother lived until 1972, so I knew her well. Her father was an official in the Pennsy RR.

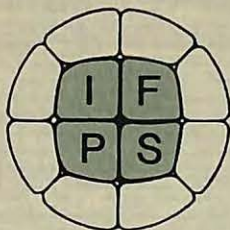
Good for you on the two competing bids for the 2000 IPC. The British sound as if they don't know what they're doing. I would suggest to the Sheffield people that they can get it, IF they work through their BMS folks. On the other hand, isn't it sort

of Asia's turn? Last time was 1976, in (merciful heavens) Luckknow. I would welcome a meeting in 2000 in China, if I'm still viable.

That trip as scientist/lecturer sounds great. I've been nominated for such but have never been the successful candidate. Not that I need it. Lately my days have been full just taking care of all of the required meetings, consultations, and paperwork for retirement, which now is set for 30 June. Betty and I will be in Vancouver celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary that day. Today is Sunday and so far I have split it between working with a grad student on a paper about Miocene palynology and getting part of the paleobotany collections ready to ship to Nan Arens at UC Berkeley. Paleobotany is now officially dead here. I will, however, continue to teach palynology, at least for a couple of years. Later this afternoon we go home to work on flowerbeds and mowing, all of which got into terrible shape during our recent week at our place in the Adirondacks.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse



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Dear Al,

In response to your request of 31 May, I am enclosing a small photo for the IFPS Archives. This photo was taken about 10 years ago for a passport---sorry, but it's all I have. In addition, I've faxed Owen Davis and John Wrenn to ask them to send their photos to you before June 15, if possible.

Although I made a number of requests, Henk Visscher didn't send me his presidential archives until this Spring. I've also got about 6-7 notebooks full of material relating to the ICP Newsletter, Palynos and correspondence with the affiliated societies dating back to 1978. I'll try to ship it all to you (or Anita Karg?) later this summer.

The Chinese are putting in a bid for the 10th IPC; at their request I have sent them examples of previous bids that were successful (PPAA, APLF & AASP). While at Aix in 1992 I was given a letter from the Provost at the University of Sheffield saying they wanted the 10th ICP in 2000. But when I sent Batten a copy of this letter recently, he dumped it off on the British Survey. I told him to read Art. 6 of the IFPS Constitution about meetings; this clearly indicates that BMS has to make the bid, not Sheffield or the British Survey. Batten is not only the BMS Councillor, but also one of the VPs of IFPS, yet he and Jim Riding (BMS Secy.) have been very confrontational recently.

In April I was given the position of botanist and lecturer on the "World Discoverer," an expedition-type ship. She only carries 130 passengers and all landings are made from Zodiacs (popularized by Cousteau). Peggy went with me (at 1/4 fare). We flew to Santiago, then on to Easter Island where we boarded the ship. Then sailed to Pitcairn, Henderson, the Tuomotus and Marquesas, flying home from Papeete---33 days in all. Since I did the same sort of thing in May of '94 on the "Caledonian Star" in Indonesian waters, this may be a new career for me.

Give Betty our congratulations for completing her Ph.D.

Encl.

Regards,

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31 May, 1995

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Dear Jim:

If you have e-mail, let me know with a quick message on it. Sure is convenient. I am a total convert, as to microwave ovens. (However, we got a VCR from one of the kids for Xmas, but I can't find any use for the damned thing.)

This is just to report in as the IFPS archivist. I am making my annual run to the Hunt Library on 15 June, because I have to drive a visitor from Austin, TX, to the airport in Pittsburgh, and it provides a good opportunity. There are a number of items that have surfaced here for them. Don't forget to be on the lookout for same. Also, as I know the head archivist will ask, have you and all other current officers sent in photos to the Hunt? If not, you all could send them to me for forwarding to Anita Karg, the archivist who handles our materials.

Current news here: Betty got her Ph. D. at the Spring Commencement and is now converting her thesis into a book. It's about a 12 century minstrel who wrote in Mittelhochdeutsch, I kid you not. My "retirement" is effective on 30 June. Doesn't mean much--e. g., my palynology course will go in the Fall Semester, as usual. Our 7th and undoubtedly last grandchild was born on 11 Mar. My Uncle Arthur just celebrated his 95th birthday and is still sharp as a tack. Mother's brother. Outside chance to live in three centuries.

Hope you and Peggy are flourishing.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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14 January, 1993

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Dear Jim:

Yours of 12 Jan. just in. So that's why we ended up with an extra copy of the Punt letter after a big letter mailout the other day. Replacement copy for you enclosed. It really is self-explanatory if you have it!

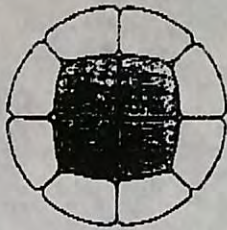
Yes, I'd heard about John's appointment at LSU. Our proposal was so much better, that that whole thing still rankles and probably always will. It was a put-up job, and the appointment of George's favorite graduate student does nothing to calm the waves, even though he clearly is a very talented person and a good choice.

Don't forget your Geritol.

Yours very truly,

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12 January, 1993

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Dear Al,

Received your letter of January 3 only today---it must take awhile to find its way out of the mountains! Of course I realize that you've had a little snow; for our part, our normally dry Salt River has washed out the new Tempe bridge (a 6½ million dollar loss) and we have received over half our normal annual rainfall already this month. Happy that we spent the holidays in Florida where it was sunny & warm the whole time.

The reason for this letter is to inform you that you neglected to enclose a copy of your letter to Punt---so it could hardly be "self-explanatory." Incidentally, I have asked Kenk three times since October for his presidential archives for the years 1988-92. So far his only response is a Xmas card from the Lab of P&P.

Guess you've heard that John Wrenn got the Center of Excellence position at LSU. Happy for him, but it messes up this stationery. Incidentally, if you want any of this paper for your archival correspondence, just let me know.

Cordially,

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3 January, 1993

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Dear Jim:

Enclosed copy of letter to Wim Punt is self-explanatory. I presume that by now you probably have got the 88-92 files, which will become "archival" in '96. Ye gods, I'll be 71 then if still around.

Enjoyed both the message on your Christmas card, and the xeroxed article about you from ASU insight. One interesting aspect about it to contemplate is that paleobot.-palynol. do best in botany departments (or "plant science"), worst in either biology or geology. It is pity that a great university such as PSU (75K students on 18 campuses) will have no paleobot.-palynol. when I wind it up here. I had planned to give my library and collections to Carnegie, but a recent conference with the Director sort of turned me off. It's still in my will, but I am now open to other suggestions.

Yours very truly,

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29 October, 1992

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Dear Jim:

Yours of 21 Oct. crossed with my letter to you of 26 Oct., with copies of correspondence with Punt. As you have presumably seen from that stuff, I had recognized that I made a mistake--what I meant was, of course, the stuff from the previous interregnum.

I was and am still hoping that Henk could turn up materials from the previous Dutch administration, if any of it persists. (For that matter, the Hughes administration is very scantily represented.) I believe that when Caratini took over I sent him a subset of the records so that he would know where things stood, but that I put the originals immediately into the Hunt Library.

I am willing to keep up the archival work. There isn't much to it. I wonder what the source of the rumor that I am to retire is. In the recent blurb about me in the AASP NL I clearly said that I have no plans to retire. That's a fact. As Mark Twain said, in paraphrase, "The rumors about my retirement are greatly exaggerated." Of course, at my age, that situation can change overnight. The head of the department wants me to retire so badly that he dreams about it. He wants my salary.

You are right that I "should have been in Aix". But I am not retired, and our Fall Semester began on 24 August. With 17 in the palynology course and nobody to draft to take over (I have 0 grad students now) I couldn't possibly leave.

We just had a big family wedding. Celia found a new man with an ad in the paper while we were in Germany. They got married last Sat., and EVERYBODY came--even my nephew from UC Berkeley and three sets of Canadian cousins. It was a lot of fun. That makes six weddings for the four kids so far. Hmmm. Glad my dad never knew. Also pretty expensive!

Best to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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26 October, 1992

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Dear Jim:

Wim Punt writes per enclosed xerox, that I'm still IFPS
archivist. As that is a presidential appointment, I assume you
must be "he," but I have had no official word. Congratulations,
and thanks for the implied appointment. I'll have a run to Hunt
Library, Pittsburgh, when the stuff from Punt comes. There are a
few other items too.

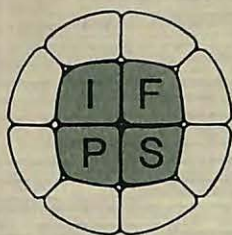
Since there are 17 in the palynology course this semester, Betty
and I are kept hopping by requests for extra help in the lab. We
just survived a wedding (Celia) this past Saturday. It's the
sixth one for 4 kids, which I know is no record, but it's a good
thing my father didn't survive to know about it.

Regards to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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21 October, 1992

Dr. Alfred Traverse
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Dear Al:

Surprised to get a copy of your 13 October letter to Henk sent to my home address and asking "Are you there?" That's really funny, because I was about to write you and ask if you wanted to continue the archivist position with IFPS---I had heard that you were going to retire from PSU.

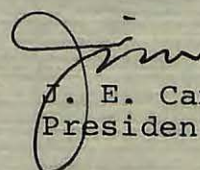
Incidentally, I'm writing Visscher myself opposing your request that he send you his archival materials on his presidential term. With all the changes that are occurring, e.g., possible reorganization of SPC & OCP, deletion of PSI, and pending applications from other groups, I need to see his correspondence in order to know what is the present status of these problems. If you still want to continue as archivist, I'll send Visscher's file to you after I copy the things I'll need. Jarzen told Punt to send his files to my Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Davis; likewise he told Punt to send his (Jarzen's) files to you for the archives. From this I presumed that McGregor also sent his presidential papers on to Henk; also, that you sent your papers to Caratini in 1980.

Although I'm pretty sure I sent you the information about the bug I brought home with me from BSIP, in case I slipped up, other copies are enclosed. Thankfully, I've had no further reoccurrence of the problem, nor did Henk as far as I know.

You should have been at the Aix Congress---they really did a good job of organizing the details and over 800 registered---the largest IPC ever. Palynology is obviously much stronger in Europe at the present time than it is in this country.

Let me know your decision on the Archivist position.

Regards,


J. E. Canright
President

Encl. (3)

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30 December, 1990

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

Yes, by all means send archival material re IFPS-ICP!

I make 1-2 times/yr. runs to the Hunt with same (and also with IAPT-CFP archives, for which I also care).

Best to all of you for 1991. For me it will almost certainly be better than 1990!

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

AT/et

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22 October, 1990

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Dear Jim:

Thanks for your note of 3 October re IFPS--I just now read it, because I have been taken up with my mother's fall, major surgery, and death, funeral, etc., for all of October down to the present. She was 97 and failing. Her death was therefore not a tragedy, but it was a wrench nevertheless. Furthermore, her affairs have taken about 30% of my waking hours for 3 years, and I resolved a while ago to attend no scientific meetings until I got that behind me--just couldn't get my basic job at PSU taken care of.

All the best--and regards to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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October 3, 1990

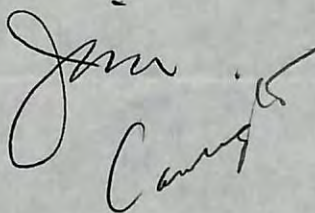
Dear Al,

Just a brief note to let you know that Henk Visscher is calling for a "Mini-Council" meeting of IFPS at Banff next week.

I just talked to Dave McIntyre and he is reserving a room for IFPS at the Banff Springs Hotel at 8 P.M. on Tuesday, Oct. 9. There should be a sign posted at the registration desk listing the meeting room. Quite frankly, I doubt if many IFPS Council members will be there, other than the American and Canadian representatives.

Hope you're able to make it.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Canright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Cordially,".

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27 August, 1990

Dr. James E. Canright
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*see Nathan for corresp.,
manuscripts for review*

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a review of de Jersey & Raines' recent monograph on New Zealand Triassic-Jurassic miospores, plus documentation that NZ asked me to do it.

I also would like to acknowledge yours of a couple of weeks ago re PSU library's imbecilic correspondence with you. What can I say? Sigh.

Best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

AT/et
encl: review for Palynos

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4 April, 1990

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Dear Jim:

As IFPS archivist I was asked by Hunt to identify people in various photos. I did pretty well, except for a group photo which I thought, and Jansonius confirms, is of the 1st IPC at Tucson, in 1962. I enclose a xerox. Was a key published somewhere? Or was one provided with the photo? (Hunt would like such a key.) Are you in the picture?

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

AT/et
encl: photo xerox

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20 September, 1989

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Dear Jim:

Wow! What a story! "Nobody ever tells me anything...." We should have read GOWK's interminable Xmas letters with the dozens of photos in more depth, but instead always uttered a collective sigh and went on to the next envelope.

The thesis is an important piece of work, and I was copying it for my research on the coevel (?) Red Tanks material in New Mexico, and for a colleague in Krefeld who is interested in the Early Permian. We both had drawn a blank in trying to borrow the thesis through normal channels.

All the best to you and Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

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5 September, 1989

Dear Al,

This will acknowledge receipt of the Kremp thesis I loaned you. Your promptness is appreciated.

In your original letter requesting the loan you asked me, "Who is K. Kremp?" If you noted her brief biographical sketch on the last page of the thesis, you may have noted my pencilled notation, "Poor Peter" following her final statement, "She is married." I had assumed that you knew the story about how this tough little Japanese female used so many people in order to fulfill her ambition of obtaining a graduate degree in the U.S. Her parents sacrificed to allow her to get her undergraduate education in Tokyo, Gerhard took her into his house in Tucson when she began a M.S. program at the Univ. of Arizona. She repaid that by marrying Peter Kremp & turning him against his family. Then when Peter went to Germany in the Airforce, she came here to ASU---I took her on as a favor to Gerhard---her English was still atrocious. She is the most "un-Oriental" female I have ever known (verb not intended in the Biblical sense?). She continually vilified her folks, the Kremps, fellow grad students and me (to others). I rewrote most of the thesis, but I couldn't get her to upgrade the quality of many of the photomikes---however, I did omit a bunch (over her bitter complaints). I'll fill you in on the final chapters over a beer sometime.

Regards to you and Betty,

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19 July, 1989

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Just tried to borrow a thesis from ASU library through ours, and encountered resistance. I wondered if you could borrow it for me and send it to me? I'll xerox it and return it to you right away. The thesis is:

Kremp, K., 1975. Palynology of a late Paleozoic coal from Fossil Creek Canyon, Arizona. M.S. thesis, Arizona State University, 167 pp.
(I got the reference in Germany.)

Hope you and Peggy are doing o.k. Betty and I had a nice trip to Europe in April-May. I gave a few lectures, attended the APP meeting (chaired a session, gave a paper). I also took part in the IUGS symposium on "Global Change" in Switzerland--that paid most of the freight. Betty visited libraries in connection with her M.S. thesis.

All the best. Hope you can help me.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

P.S. Who is "K. Kremp?"

AT/et

TO Dr. Travers
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27 February, 1987

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Dear Jim:

Recently I spent a day at the Hunt Insititute, and the archives of IFPS are now duly deposited there, in very good shape.

The set of Newsletters is complete through vol. 8. However, there is as yet no 9:1, and there is a 9:2, because I put one of mine in. I guess the purpose of mentioning this is to say that it would be a good idea to send me an extra copy of each number as they appear for the archives. (I intend to go about once a year to work on them, add new materials, etc.)

Also, if there are surplus copies lying around, I could use still more of 9:2, because there have been requests, believe it or not.

Best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

19 January, 1987

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Dear Jim:

Thanks for the "1st day cover" (or whatever)--did you know there'd be that neat cancellation about the game? I enclose an item that should please you, now that you're a self-confirmed PSU fan. (Don't miss the weather in upper left corner!)

The Palynos 9:2 article pleased me---it's an odd phenomenon, I was really frustrated that no duplicate sample remained after I discovered the phenom.

Yes, I could use about 6 extra copies.

Best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
encl: news clipping

11-I-87

Dear Al + Betty -

We appreciated your letter.
After the obnoxious way the Miami
players acted out here, even I was
rooting for Penn State to win.

? If you want any more copies
of PACTOS 9(2) as "reprints", just
say the word.

I'm in my office on Sunday
packaging newsletters to be shipped
overseas to various IFPS Councilors.
I still don't think The Germans (APP)
should get any, but McGregor
seems reluctant to take this step.

Regards,

Jim

P.S. Warm + sunny here - temps near 70°F.

10 June, 1986

Dr. James E. Canright
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Dear Jim:

Could you use the enclosed oddity in IFPS newsletter? It fascinated me.

Best wishes as ever. Greetings to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

encl: photos and caption

16 August, 1985

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

Congratulations on the fine appearance of Palynos (8:1), which I just read! Only one caveat--please try to get somebody to look for typo-gremlins. I suppose it's especially difficult, with the polyglot origins of the contributions. Zaklinskaya's thing has many such: palynochrome, chromostratigraphic, A.F. Khlopova, phase-contact, etc.

Best wishes, as ever.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

13 February, 1984

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Dear Jim:

I currently have a senior advisee, Sharon Locke, assisting me in the lab, taking our advanced palynology course (see enclosure), etc. She is a typical case of "late bloomer". She has applied to graduate programs at Arizona State, but I just discovered she indicated geology. She is a very nice person and far more capable than her GPA indicates (cf. GRE math score for a better reading)--a great gal. If you can supervise a geology student or can arrange a joint deal of some sort, here is a diamond in the rough for you. I only wish I were able to keep her (we have ironclad rule against it). Call if it would help.

Best to you and Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
encl: "526" poopsheet
obituary for ESB

A novel explanation for the extinction of dinosaurs has recently been offered by R.H. Dott in Geology, February 1983. During an attack of asthma several years ago, Dott recalled that flowering plants appeared first in the Late Mesozoic just before the demise of the dinosaurs. As he asked in his

book with R.L. Batten (Evolution of the Earth), "could the appearance of many pollens to which dinosaurs had not previously been exposed have produced violent allergic reactions that culminated in wholesale death by hay fever? ... We might say that mammals were flower children, while blossoms were sprung on the dinosaurs too late in their racial life so that they, poor things, sneezed to extinction." Dott recalls a similar hypothesis independently offered by A. Hallam that flowering plants may have been so upsetting to dinosaur digestive systems that the great reptiles were struck down by acute constipation!

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15/VII/83

Dear Al:

Thanks for your postcard. Knowing that we share similar interests in pollen "esoterica," I am sending you a copy of this note from the IUGS publication Episodes. I also sent Frederiksen a copy for possible use in the AASP Newsletter. (I added that I hoped this information didn't lead to polarization of A/C groups of palynologists, i.e., allergenists vs. constipationists!)

Our tours of Das romantische Strasse and das Schwarzenwald by car were great; and the 3 days of ballooning in the Burgundy region was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We're also very fond of Luxembourg (where they still like Americans!)

See you in San Francisco in October?

Best Regards,

Jim

P.S.- Did you note the mess Caratini made of the "King's English" in his alterations of the ICP Constitution?

Caratini

8 June, 1982

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

It's really beginning to hurt that I can't make it to Montreal, but realistically I can't. Your letter of 20 May and one from Chaloner this morning make me aware of how much I'll be missing. I am finally going to take Evitt's dino short course, and of course I'll have to be on deck for AIBS--that's all the time I have for "that sort of thing" this summer. A post-doc of mine (Dr. Carmen Tavera; same address as mine) will be attending NAPC-III, and she says you can ride with her. However, if you're the only other passenger, you should really pay at least 10¢/mile, not "half the gas", if you wanted to share the expenses 50-50. Ahem.

We are stunned to hear the Eloise just graduated, though our daughter born in 1962 will be a junior, so it figures. I recall that Eloise was born about April, 1960. The difference between Eloise and Celia, though, is that I can't see Celia taking a cruise with us, even if it were a free gift. "Are you kidding me--with all those old characters?"

I suppose you heard that Deb Willard took the University of Illinois offer to work with Tom Phillips. I'll talk to you about it in August.

Best to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

20 May, 1982

Dear Al:

I am planning on being in Montreal for NAPC-III the first week in August, then shifting to Penn State on Aug. 7th or 8th for the AIBS meetings. It has occurred to me that you might have a similar schedule and might be driving from Montreal to University Park on that particular weekend. If our schedules do coincide, and if you have room for a passenger, I would be happy to ride with you and pay half the gas for your car.

Our youngest (Eloise) graduated from the Univ. of Arizona last weekend; as a graduation present we are taking her on a TransCanal Princess Cruise of 14 days from L. A. to San Juan. (Although my parents couldn't have afforded such a trip when I graduated from college, Uncle Sam thoughtfully provided not only a Transcanal trip, but a trans-Pacific trip as well. But in 1943 it wasn't all that pleasurable a cruise!)

Let me know if I can get a ride with you from Montreal. When I inquired about renting a car in Montreal and dropping it off at Penn State, they said it couldn't be done.

Best Regards,

Jim

20 January, 1982

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

Many ~~hhahs~~ thanks for yours of 7 January. Your recollections about the slides agreed 100% with mine. Besides, in the meantime I have found them. Do you recall that at the Phoenix meeting I lost Norrie Robbins' slides by not claiming them promptly enough after the talk? Those I never found.

The Adult Education courses were a smash hit here. Roger Cuffey is xeroxing the page as I write.

The score of the PSU-USC game could have been 42-0, as you say, but the victory didn't impress the right people. AP (or was it UPI?) rated us behind Pitt, whom we beat, 42-16! Trouble with the whole season was that Warner is injury-prone. When he's right, PSU has been unstoppable. Against Miami he couldn't play at all and against Alabama he was only 75% or so of normal. Thanks very much for the Fiesta Bowl "special edition". It was interesting. We were astonished to learn that 12,000 PSU fans were in Phoenix for the game.

All the best, and to Peggy too.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

7 January, 1982

Dear Al:

I don't have a good-looking (and efficient) secretary like you do, so my correspondence has to wait until I get around to sitting down at my typewriter.

It was really a coincidence when you wrote that you and Betty had been reorganizing your transparency collection; at the time I got your letter, I was involved in the same project. My 4 "kids" were all home for Xmas and wanted to look at slides of family activities when they were growing up. This initiated a week-long project on my part---slides were scattered all over my pool table (which didn't help my game). Anyhow, after reviewing several thousand slides going back to 1945, I can confidently assure you that your missing slides are not in my collection. Nor are they mixed in with my teaching collection at my lab. Sorry, but I remember returning the slides I borrowed from you right after the AASP luncheon at Keystone.

Am enclosing a list of adult education courses you might find interesting.

Best Regards,

P.S.- Hope you enjoyed the Fiesta Bowl special newspaper edition. Your boys really made Allen & USC look bad!

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21 December, 1981

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

Our Dean of Instruction is an enthusiastic football fan, and he greatly enjoyed the clipping you sent.

Betty and I have been working on my collection of Koda-Ektachromes and have found several gaps--groups of 8 or 10 slides missing here and there. One bunch I finally tracked down with my sister in St. Louis, where I'd left them. Another gap occurs in my slides from 5-IPC-1980. I recall that you used a few (4-5) at Keystone, but I was ±certain I got 'em all back. Nevertheless, I'm touching all bases, so am asking if there is any remote chance you ended up with some (10-12?) unidentified-as-to-owner 2x2s after Keystone?

All the best.

Yours very truly,

AT/et

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

3 December, 1981

Dear Al & Betty:

Peggy wanted me to tell you how much she appreciated your "prayer card"--her leg has healed nicely by this time. (What can she do for an encore at the next IBC in Berlin?)

Thought you might appreciate the newspaper article about your school. Paterno seems to like Tempe---why don't you come out for the Fiesta Bowl??

Al, the copy of my 16 November letter to Jan du Chêne is self-explanatory. After you and Geoff worked so hard to get ICP organized and running smoothly, I feel the Frenchmen have been operating like ICP is a branch of their APLF. As I think I told you in Sydney, I didn't exactly ingratiate myself with Jan du Chêne after I returned the first issue of the ICP Newsletter put out in France with my red-inked editorial marks all over it. Although he invited my criticisms, I should have realized how thin-skinned they are.

It is also unfortunate that, despite my best efforts, AASP refused to hold their 1984 meetings in conjunction with 6th IPC in Calgary. I attended the mid-year meeting in San Antonio (at my own expense) to lobby for a ^{related} meeting, but the Canadian's nationalistic feelings, plus Burgess' loud objections, shot it down. How many AASP members can afford to go to Calgary in August and Washington in October? Of course, the same can be said for NAPC III (Montreal) & AIBS at PSU in August '82, followed by CIMP-AASP in Dublin in September!

With best regards,

Jim

P.S. - I came home from Melbourne in Oct (via N.Z., Tongararotonga) carrying 65 core samples from the Cret-Tert. Otway Basin of Victoria. Looking for some research # now.

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16 November, 1981

Dr. Roger E. Jan du Chêne
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Dear Roger:

Upon returning from Australia recently (I am on sabbatical leave), I found your letter and the proposal relative to a "Working Group Questionnaire."

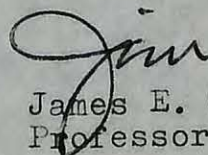
Quite frankly, I question the value of this proposal, since it duplicates much of the information already available on the Gulf computer from data previously supplied by ICP members. In the last ICP Newsletter (June, 1980) that I edited, I wrote an appeal for more members to complete the questionnaires for the World List of Palynologists. At that time only ca. 350 members (of 2000) had returned completed questionnaires. Accordingly, I fail to understand how a new questionnaire will be any more successful. If the majority of ICP Councillors feel that information on membership in working groups is significant, I am quite sure that this information can be added to the data base already on the Gulf computerized list. In this way, ICP-affiliated societies (or even individual palynologists?) could obtain print-outs of lists of specific working groups' memberships or research activities, e.g., Cretaceous palynology. I suggest you write to George Fournier---he can tell you something about the capabilities of the Gulf computer carrying the World List.

In the event that my views on this matter are in the minority, I enclose a copy of the working group questionnaire, including some suggested changes in English.

Although it is unfortunate that IUBS has refused to support ICP in 1982, I was pleased to note in a recent issue of the IUGS journal Episodes that IUGS has given ICP \$750 for the coming year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



James E. Canright
Professor of Botany

Encl.
XC - D. C. McGregor

26 September, 1980

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Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of 18 September re the slide show. I'll bring some such, and plan to participate, the only problem being whether we make it in time that evening.

All the best, and see you there.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

26 September, 1980

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Dear Jim:

Betty and I are working on the "Presidential archives" for ICP and it reminds me to mention that if you want it to be remembered for posterity, you should make up a Newsletter archive and send it to Jan du Chêne. I would think it should end up being about an inch thick if you work hard at the paring.

Best wishes. See you at Keystone!

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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cc: Jan du Chêne

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18 September, 1980

Dear *Al*

On Tuesday evening at 8 P.M., Oct. 14, we are scheduling an informal slide show in the Starlight(?) Room of Keystone Lodge by some of our members who attended the 5th IPC in Cambridge last summer. If you would care to participate, please bring 15-20 of your best slides. After the show I may ask to borrow some of them in order to give a composite picture of these meetings to the other members at the time of the business luncheon on Friday, Oct. 17.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Jim
James E. Canright

*(He used
15 of mine.)*

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25 August, 1980

Dr. Allison R. Palmer
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Stony Brook, N. Y. 11794

Dear Dr. Palmer:

At our mid-year Executive Committee meeting, your letter of September 7, 1979 to Dr. Jack Burgess, former President of AASP, was given to me for response.

Although I apologize for my part in the delay of a reply to your letter, I wish to concur with our support of the palynologists named by Al Traverse as potential representatives to the group revising the North American biostratigraphic code. In the event that Colin McGregor is not willing to take on this task, I might add the name of Traverse as a possible choice. Not only has he had experience with palynomorphs ranging from the Paleozoic to Holocene (McGregor has specialized in Devonian material), but as the most recent past-President of the International Commission for Palynology, he has numerous contacts with biostratigraphers throughout the world.

In the event that either of these two men are not available, the others mentioned (Jansonius, Kosanke, Leffingwell) are all eminently qualified.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Canright
James E. Canright
President

*Al - In case you have
lots of spare time on your
hands now -*

Jim

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

24 August, 1980

Dr. James Canright
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Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Wow! That stationery is dazzling. Thanks for the advice re NN. I'll write him.

You're right about NH and 5IPC--he did a fine job!

GN deserves some of the credit re DJN's resolution.

I agree with you about CC and running meetings. Sending a bar of soap anonymously to one who doesn't bathe ~~often~~ sometimes works. Perhaps I'll send him a Robert's Rules in a plain brown wrapper. Maybe the French don't use rules of order?

See you in Colorado.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

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8 August, 1980

Dr. Alfred Traverse
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Dear Al:

With reference to your question about a possible contact person at the Hunt Botanical Library, after George Lawrence died, I don't know who replaced him there. However, I can pass the buck---Norm Norton is the quasi-official archivist for AASP, so he could probably tell you the person to write at Hunt regarding the possibility of storage of ICP archives.

I thought Norman Hughes did a great job of organizing and running the 5th IPC in Cambridge. And while I am passing out bouquets, you also did an excellent job of presiding at the Council meetings*and at the closing plenary session---not to mention your significant role in building ICP into a viable organization during your presidency.

That resolution read by Doug Nichols at the closing session re the Newsletter Editor was very thoughtful---I rather suspect that one AT had a hand in it. In any event, it was a very pleasant surprise and I appreciate it.

With best regards to you and Betty,

Cordially,

Jim

* I fear that your successor has little knowledge of (or regard for) parliamentary law!

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31 July, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany & Microbiology
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Dear Jim:

My notes for ICP Council sessions in Cambridge indicate that I was to look into the possibility of ICP archival storage at the Hunt Botanical Library. Can you provide me with information on AASP's experience with this, and the name and address of whomever to contact at the Hunt?

Hope you are nearer to recovered from all the meetinging than we are!

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
cc: Caratini

24 July, 1980

Dr. James Canright
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Dear Jim:

Enclosed is the receipt for my ticket to U.K. As I said before, the \$750 was a lifesaver, and I feel good that I played a minor role in being sure that AASP got a request in to NSF. If JB had been AASP president two months longer, it was down the drain.

Good to see you in Cantabrigia. Mike Boulter has us as house guests in London and told us about the pre-conference trip, hover-craft voyages and all.

Wow!--what a pile of work here! See you. Thanks again for helping ICP-IPC be a reality.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
encl: fare receipt

5 June, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Good for your re I3-IBC. It surely would help some of us to promote attendance if there were a program in Sydney for our sort of work. Geoff Playford was active in planning for such an ICP-IOP-etc. program, and while he will be on sabbatical in UK at the critical time, I know he would cooperate in pulling whatever wires are pullable.

Re NSF--you're right. Remember 4-IPC, when I was funded about two days before the Conference and about two weeks after I had cancelled in despair? I confess that I suspected strongly an effort to divert the \$\$ into another fund!

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

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June 5, 1980

Dr. Alfred Traverse
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Dear Al:

It is a distinct pleasure to be able to announce that the National Science Foundation has recently awarded a Group Travel Grant of \$7500 to AASP to help defray some of the travel expenses of some of our members to the Fifth International Palynological Conference in Cambridge, England, from June 29-July 6, 1980.

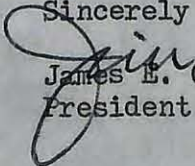
I am pleased to inform you that the AASP Travel Grant Committee has recommended you as one of the recipients of a travel grant for the Vth IPC; in this connection, a check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed.

In order to comply with the NSF terms for this grant, please send me the final carbon copy of your airline ticket immediately after your return from England. This will verify your travel to the Vth IPC as required by NSF's Accounting Office. Unless there are unusual circumstances preventing it, you should utilize an American carrier for your travel to England. In the event that your plans have changed since you originally applied for a travel grant, please return the enclosed check to my office.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that I personally regret the tardiness of this letter of notification. Although AASP met the deadlines established by NSF for our group application, unfortunately, NSF failed miserably in meeting their own published deadlines for making this award.

Please acknowledge your acceptance of the terms of this grant. I hope to see you during the course of the meetings in Cambridge later this month. —

Sincerely yours,


James E. Canright
President

Entirely possible!

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Charles J. Felix

30 May, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
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Dear Jim:

What a nice surprise about my "attractive wall plaque" per your recent AASP letter! I'll try to be on deck to get it in person. It remains to be seen whether the award will sufficiently salve my wounds for the failure of three successive AASP conventions to acknowledge my presence as international president-- at the business luncheons!

I had also heard from Caratini about Jan du Chêne-- as Secretary/Treasurer. He didn't mention to me that he is also to be Newsletter editor!

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et

29 May, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Do you have any more of the flashy AASP seals--
or who does? I need to get a few for luggage for
Cambridge.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

P.S. Time is getting short for the \$\$ transfusion from
NSF. Should a phone call be placed?

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

28 May, 1980

Dear Al:

The copy of the letter to Dr. Cram, Exec. Secy. of the 13th IBC, is to keep you informed on my attempt to build more paleobotanical-palynological activities into the program at Sydney in August of 1981; since ICP is mentioned in their first circular, I presume at least a business meeting will be scheduled. I presume this topic will at least be discussed at your business meeting in Cambridge. I don't know if Caratini plans to go to Sydney, but if ICP does have any plans to be included in the Congress program, it will be his responsibility after he assumes the presidency in July.

Even though I have been calling NSF weekly, I still can't tell you when you will get a check for your travel expenses to Cambridge. Someone should shake up that moribund NSF Int. Travel Division but good!

Cordially,



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27 May, 1980

Dr. Alfred Traverse
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Dear Al:

At the April 17 Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to give some form of recognition to all of the previous officers of the association over the past 13 years since AASP was founded.

After exploring the various options available, the members of the Board unanimously approved the selection of an attractive walnut wall plaque bearing the AASP logo in three colors, with an engraved personalized brass nameplate affixed under the logo.

The major purpose of this letter is to inform you (as a former officer of AASP) of this forthcoming award. We plan to present these plaques individually at the Business Luncheon at the next annual convention to be held at Keystone, Colorado, October 14-19, 1980. We hope you will make plans now to attend these meetings to be hosted by our Denver area colleagues.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

James E. Canright
President

JEC/dk
/dw
547/A

P.S. - My last issue of the ICP Newsletter goes to press next week. Caratini has asked Jan du Chêne to be his Socy. Trees AND Newsletter Ed! What a load he will be taking on!

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30 April, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
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Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Perhaps you recall my complaint that my last book review in the ICP Newsletter made it look as if I were book review editor, or something? Corroboration of my complaint has arrived in the form of a book from Australia, with the request that I "review it for ICP Newsletter". I told him I'd try. The review is enclosed. If there is still time, and if you can use it, fine. If not, fire it back, and I'll wish it on Doug Nichols (for starts).

Just had a nice visit to Chapel Hill, NC, and took out to lunch one of your former students, Bill Dickison. I was visiting Pat Gensel to work on some of our (forgive me) Arizona materials.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
encl: book review

31 March, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

If I understood the situation correctly, even what I did do could be considered unethical--so I believe it was right to put the "monkey" on our Councillors' backs. Sorry.

The P.S. to your note was most important news! Charlie's last letter was mostly about his poor little Charlotte--I am still awaiting more news about her--Charlie and June have been in hospital corridors more than at home for weeks. In fact, June is living at the hospital. So--no, he had no news re IPC travel. The \$\$ will be very welcome indeed. I am glad you became prexy in the nick of time. Thanks for the work and for the good news.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

17 March, 1980

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Got the copy of the letter to Geoff of 7 March. I did not want to take the responsibility of doing so on my own hook without your permission, but don't you think it would be a good idea to send a copy also to Caratini? I am making it my policy from this point forward to send him copies of everything. Your points about the Indian situation are very well taken and serve to dramatize that it's almost impossible to decide what to do.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
cc: Norris

21 November, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

I was very discouraged (though appreciative) to get your card of 7 November with the bad news that the Towne House was unable to produce Norrie's slides. It seems incomprehensible to me that they would actually throw them out. They were in a Penn State interoffice envelope with marks-a-lot inscription ("Norrie's slides"), and I just can't conceive that the hotel would actually chuck them without giving you a shot at it first. In fact, I still hold out some hope that they may have given them to some other AASP person and that they will still surface. As you probably recall, I left them in the cubbyhole at the desk where the keys are kept, thinking that I would pick them up when I came back from dinner or when I checked out. I forgot about it, and the hotel did not check my slot before checking me out. Thanks for trying.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
cc: N. Robbins

9 November, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

I thought you'd like to see a xerox of a letter I received from Brazil indicating that the next meeting of the South American paleobotanists and palynologists (the outfit for which Volkheimer is the representative) will be this December in Sao Paulo. Perhaps this is a Newsletter-worthy item. I would think so.

Once again, sincere, heartfelt congratulations for running the meeting so well in Phoenix! I enjoyed it greatly and the (literally) unmentionable courtesies you extended me there. I think the mini-Council meeting was very successful and only regret that we did forget to introduce a resolution regarding Jim Schopf to be sent along to Esther. What should we do about that now? How about claiming that we did do so and putting a note to that effect in the next Newsletter? Best wishes. More later.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
cc: letter from Brazil

13 October, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Dept. of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Merciful heavens! What a surprise! You can count on me to keep quiet, but I will never forget the kindness involved.

The time, etc. for the mini-ICP meeting on Friday, October 27, sounds fine, although one of two of the papers on the afternoon session might have been of mild interest to me--especially the one on Holocene records from Prince Edward Island--my birthplace!

I do want specific invitations to our meeting to be put into the foreign delegate registration packets (not counting Canada and I suppose not instances where there are six or seven delegates from one country, if that situation exists). However, everyone is welcome, so I don't see what harm it can do. I enclose therefore 25 such invitations for you to use. See you soon. I can just imagine the eagerness you now have for us to arrive and probably, if the truth were known, for us to depart also. You seem to be bearing up remarkably well judging from what I take to be the "tone of voice"! Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et

encl: 25 copies of invitation, copy of letter to Norris

5 October, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of 29 September, which arrived within the last day or two (can't be sure, as I have had flu and missed some time).

Regarding housing, your notion of putting me in with Bill Schopf is fine--I gather that you mean that if I am with him a night or so I would get the double room occupancy price for the rest of the time? I remember well running the meeting here at Penn State and my annoyance with Aureal Cross, because he insisted on my finding him "cheap accommodations". It probably is a judgment on me that I am in the same position that he alleged to be at that time. Should I send in my reservation to the TowneHouse, or will the fact that Bill has made a reservation take care of it?

Your suggestion of having Betty ditto up a bunch of invitations to an ICP Council Meeting leaving a space for name, time and place of meeting bank is a good one. I will be there early enough that I probably could get you to have one of your registration personnel stick the little envelopes in the appropriate registration packets. That can be discussed later.

My time of arrival is 10:36 a.m., ^{Tue} Mon., Oct. ²⁴ 23.
Departure will be 9:00 a.m., Sat., Oct. 28. See you then and bravo for a well-oiled operation.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et



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29 September, 1978

Dear Al:

Because of the length of time it takes to get mail in and out of Penn State (e.g., your 22nd Sept. letter arrived today), I am typing this myself and will personally stamp it and carry it to the Tempe Postoffice.

Re the housing at the meeting, let me know when you plan to arrive and depart and I'll work something out with the TowneHouse. Perhaps I can double you up in the room for Bill Schopf (one of the invited speakers) since he only planned to be here one night (Oct. 26th). However, since his father's death, he might not go to GSA in Toronto as planned, so may be here longer. Ordinarily we would be happy to have you stay with us, but since I have involved Peggy with the AASP activities, neither one of us will be in Tempe very much during the meetings, so transportation would be a problem for you---we are 20 miles from the TowneHouse.

* Why don't you have your very efficient secretary ditto a bunch of invitations to an ICP Council meeting and bring them with you. That way you could personally invite the foreign representatives that you want --the time and place of the meeting could be filled in here and the invitations put in their hotel mail boxes. You'd get better representation than if you simply posted a notice in the hotel lobby.

Have to run now---let me know your dates of arrival and departure.

Cordially,

Personal file

Jim Muller wrote me too - he wants to join AASP & will definitely be here in Oct

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

August 15, 1978

Dear Al:

Just when Vaughn Bryant and I had reached an agreement to let the whole AASP-ICP "historical relationship" thing die quietly on the vine, I got a phone call from Bill Elsik practically insisting that I write up a statement for the next AASP Newsletter (with editing rights granted to Elsik and Leffingwell). As I pointed out in my letter to Elsik (copy enclosed), I really don't have access to the AASP archives, so all I could do was scrap together some past references to ICP from copies of the AASP Newsletter.

All the AASP members I have heard from are quite pleased with the first ICP Newsletter and feel that their \$1 "assessment" is the bargain of the year. However, people like Burgess (who apparently would like to "nuke" all Communist countries) will always be loudly opposed to any kind of international cooperation. It seems best to insure that ~~bigots~~ bigots not be elected to positions of authority so we can ignore their pulings.

DON'T PUT THIS LETTER IN THE ICP ARCHIVES!

I have to fly to Athens, Ga. this week end to help select a new AIBS Executive Director. The 3-man committee is comprised of the AIBS President, Pres-Elect, & JEC-- would you like a \$50 M job in Washington?

Regards,

Jim Conner

12 June, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Congratulations on getting out #1 of the ICP News-
letter! That was a very important piece of work, very
well done. I like the "notable palynomorph" feature,
and your idea of arranging the membership list of Coun-
cil with the officers first is one I will adopt in fu-
ture revisions of the list. (Flash! The list has just
been revised to include the name of Fritz Cramer--see
other material enclosed with this letter.)

Very best wishes, old friend, and thank you again
for a fine job!

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
various enclosures

JTP

23 May, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

A while back you mentioned having heard from Dr. Zaklinskaya, and I suppose it was virtually the same as the letter I just got, of which a copy is herewith enclosed. Hold off a bit on the working group business as far as the newsletter is concerned because, as I mentioned in my letter to Zaklinskaya, my plan is to put it in tabular form and do some more work on it before you put it in the newsletter.

Speaking of which....?

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
encl: copy of letter from Zaklinskaya, copy of letter to Zaklinskaya
cc: Norris

HP

23 May, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of 9 May. I'm so grateful that you were at the AASP Council meeting that I can hardly find words to express my appreciation. Your assessment of the opinions of the people at the Council meeting I am surprised only by several of your "ratings". I thought that Bill Elsik was at worst neutral, based on phone conversations. I also thought that Norm Fredericksen was a broad-minded person who has lived abroad a good share of his life and could be counted on to favor international cooperation. I will show your letter to Norman Hughes when he is here later this week, and I'm sure it will make up part of the basis of our conversations. You are right about Jack Burgess. He was formerly a member of an Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh and has made a huge racket about various changes in the church, especially the new Prayer Book, and feels that communists are now in charge of the church and have forced him out of it. It is all lunatic-fringe sort of stuff. I would have thought that Elsik and Bryant would long ago have sensed this psychological problem Jack has. Well, however that may be, I just can't waste any time worrying about it. We must just go on doing the best we can and not let it get us down.

What is the current story with the newsletter? Best wishes to you as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
cc: Norris, McGregor

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9 May, 1978

Dear Al:

Because I am not certain of the distribution channels of the minutes of the Mid-Year AASP Board of Directors Meeting (held last month in San Antonio), I have taken the trouble to Xerox the 3 pages of these minutes that have a bearing on AASP-ICP relationships.

As I told you over the telephone after I returned from these meetings, I was startled at the intensity of feeling emanating from a majority of the Board regarding AASP affiliation with ICP. As you know, I've lived in places where there are inborn prejudices between Taiwanese & Chinese, Malaysians & Chinese, Muslims & Christians, Hindus & Muslims, Tamils & Sinhalese, ad infinitum. Yet if we all lock ourselves up in our little houses and refuse to communicate with any others who may live under a different political system, "strange" religious beliefs, or have a different epidermal pigment, how can we expect the situation will ever change? I tried to point out to the Board members that the current ICP Council includes 4 representatives of AASP; accordingly, AASP is in an excellent position to influence ICP policies over the next 4 years at least.

My personal ratings of the AASP officers (as indicated on page one of the minutes) is based solely upon their "performance" at the Board meeting when ICP was discussed. I did not do this to influence votes on the candidates nominated to run for the AASP offices next year. However, because it has occurred to me that this interpretation will be made by some of the candidates, I trust you will not discuss my ratings with other AASP members.

Pages 8 and 9 of the minutes bear my marginalia. The ICP statement which I read (referred to as Appendix 8a) is the statement on ICP organization and goals that you wrote for publication in Lethaia.

With best regards,

Cordially,

Jim
James E. Canright
Professor of Botany

XC: G. Norris
C. McGregor

31 January, 1978

Dr. James Canright
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Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Just opened yours to Bill Elsik about the meeting times and realized that nothing can be done for this year. I certainly think they ought to try to keep to our early October original conception in order to avoid such conflict in the future.

Once again, thanks for the macadamia nuts! I believe Betty got four and I have devoured all the rest--they were delicious!

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

9 January, 1978

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 82581

Dear Jim:

Your letter to Bill Elsik of 13 December, of which you sent me a copy, has just reached my desk. (I suppose it is more honest to say I just got around to opening it.) In it I noted that you did take me up on the bet on the Fiesta Bowl. In retrospect, I am rather embarrassed because even though the referees tried very hard to assist ASU, it was clear that the Sun Devils did not really belong on the same field with Penn State!

Regarding the main subject of your letter, I can tell you that the reason why AASP meetings were set up for October originally had to do with avoiding conflict with AIBS, SEPM or GSA. ~~ESA~~ meetings have always been in the early part of November, and we thought to make it at least possible to attend both GSA and AASP by having our meeting in approximately mid-October. I am really sorry to hear that the Phoenix meeting will compete with the GSA in Toronto. I haven't been to GSA in some time and might feel that although I have never missed an AASP meeting, it would be more practical for me to slip up to Toronto, only a 5-hour drive away. I seem to recall that we met at the very end of October in Houston in 1975, but we have mostly aimed for 2-3 weeks earlier than that, and it was really our original intention to meet in early October. Is it too late for 1978 for the meeting to be moved up a few weeks? I suppose you have already gone too far for that, but it would certainly be a good idea to avoid any direct conflict with GSA.

In case it isn't obvious, I would personally favor retaining the October date for two reasons. One is that it has by now become "traditional" and therefore is easy to remember and plan for. The other is that it still seems to me to offer fewer problems as far as conflict with other meetings is concerned. Best wishes.

AT/et
cc: Bill Elsik

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY (602) 965-3414

December 13, 1977

Dr. William C. Elsik, President
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Dear Bill:

A copy of Warren Drugg's recent letter to you alerted me to the possibility of getting Bob Pierce to organize a symposium on nannofossils for our meetings here next October, so I wrote Pierce on December 1 and asked him to "volunteer."

Today I received a phone call from Bob Pierce and he informed me that he is unable to line up his nannofossil colleagues for our 1978 meetings, because the AASP meeting dates (Oct.24-28) are in direct conflict with the annual GSA meetings to be held in Toronto. Furthermore, the SEPM meetings in New Orleans earlier in October will also conflict to a certain extent.

Although it is probably too late to shift the date of the 1978 AASP meetings, I am curious as to the reasons why the AASP Executive Committee always approves an October meeting date in view of this apparently reoccurring conflict with both GSA and SEPM. I am certain that a number of AASP members also belong to at least one of these other geological societies. And even college professors are unable to absent themselves from their regular duties to attend three meetings in one month!

Is there liable to be a greater conflict with the Sectional Meetings of GSA (March & April) if our future AASP meetings were shifted to the Spring? AIBS meeting dates are now fixed annually in August and AAAS has firmed up a February schedule. Why not shift AASP meetings to late April or early May in the future?

Cordially,

file

James E. Canright
Professor of Botany

OK on your letter re the Fiesta Bowl - however, if the price of pinon nuts is numerous, I reserve the right to substitute citrus!

→ P.S. Comments from members of the Executive Committee are welcome!

xc: AASP Executive Committee

all as a former AASP officer, your input is invited.
Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
Jim

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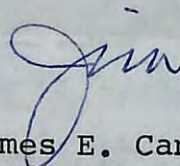
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geosciences
Pennsylvania State University
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Dear Al:

During the recent meetings in Tulsa, I had planned to discuss the possibility of your support of my application to join¹ proposed Botanical Society trip to China next Spring. However, with the length of the IPC agenda last Wednesday night, I never got around to it. In the event I get the opportunity to make the trip, obviously I would make every effort to locate palynologists who might logically be co-opted to the IPC, either on a regional or scientific society representative basis.

Because of the reasons I explained in my letter to Peter Raven, there is little likelihood that the Paleobotanical Section (read Dilcher and Taylor) would support my application ahead of that of Bill Schopf. Accordingly, in your role of President of IPC, I am requesting a supporting letter to Raven. If you are willing to do this, it will have to be done almost before you read this, as a note from Raven (which arrived the day I left for Tulsa) indicated the decisions would be made by November 1. I apologize for the short lead time I am giving you--I had no idea that a nation-wide selection committee could reach a decision of this type within two weeks (unless, of course, Art Galston had already previously decided which botanists were to make the trip!).

Cordially,



James E. Canright
Professor of Botany

JEC:ml

Enclosures (4)

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JAMES E. CANRIGHT

Justification for Visit to China

My grandfather, Harry Lee Canright, M.D., was a medical missionary in Chengtu, Szechuan from 1886-1919. During this period he built the first hospital in Chengtu and was one of the founders of West China Union University, where he later served as Dean of the Medical Department. My father was born in Chengtu in 1893 and lived there the first 14 years of his life. Accordingly, it is not surprising that I have always been a Sinophile.

When I became Chairman of the Botany & Microbiology Department at Arizona State University in 1964, I actively recruited graduate students from both Taiwan and Hongkong. As a result, approximately 20 Chinese students have obtained their M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in botany or microbiology at ASU over the past 13 years.

For 6 months in 1971 I was a U.S.-Republic of China Fellow in the Cooperative Science Program. I taught a course in palynology at National Taiwan University in Taipei and established the first research laboratory for stratigraphical palynology in Taiwan. As the result of my field work in the coal fields of northern Taiwan, I published the first scientific papers on the Miocene microfloras of that island. I have also published papers on fossil pollen and spores from Arizona Devonian, Permo-Carboniferous and Upper Cretaceous horizons.

As one of the two U.S. members of the International Commission for Palynology (affiliated with the IUBS), I am eager to make contact with Chinese palynologists and discuss research projects with them. Their palynological work has been isolated from the rest of the world long enough. It would be particularly gratifying to be able to attempt palynological correlation of the Tertiary horizons of Taiwan with those on the Mainland of China.

In recent years I have been regularly receiving reprints from Acta Palaeontologica Sinica, published at the Nanking Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Academia Sinica, so this is one place that I would like to visit. Palynologists on their staff whose papers I have seen include Sung Tzechen and Tsao Liu. I would also like the opportunity to visit Dr. Lee Cheng-Li of the Institute of Botany, University of Peking. He is a palynologist whom I knew when he worked at the University of Illinois and at Yale University.

In the event that any Chinese palynologists/paleobotanists are included in the delegation scheduled to visit this country next year, in my role as General Chairman of the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP), to be held in Phoenix, October 24-28, 1978, I would insure that they would be welcome at this meeting as my personal guests. I am also willing to guarantee that all members of the Chinese delegation would be well-received by my colleagues at Arizona State University.

James E. Canright

Year of birth, 1920. Professor of Botany, Arizona State University, Ph.D. Harvard University, 1949.

Academic History: Teaching Fellow in Biology, Harvard University, 1946-49; Instructor to Professor of Botany, Indiana University, 1949-64; Professor and Chairman, Department of Botany and Microbiology, Arizona State University, 1964-72; Professor of Botany, Arizona State University, 1972-; Party Chief, Indiana Geological Survey, summers 1953-54; Delegate, VIIIth International Botanical Congress, Paris, 1954; IXth Int. Bot. Congress, Montreal, 1959; Xth Int. Bot. Congress, Edinburgh, 1964; XIth Int. Bot. Congress, Seattle, 1969; XIIth Int. Bot. Congress, Leningrad, 1975; Consultant in Palynology, Mene Grande Oil Company, Caracas, Venezuela, summer, 1958; John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, 1960-61 (to Indonesia, Malaya, & India); U.S./AID Consultant in Biology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U. P., India, summer, 1965; Visiting Professor, National Taiwan University, Taipei, 1971.

Professional Activities: Botanical Society of America (Chairman, General Section, 1956; Chairman, Palaeobotanical Section, 1970; Executive Council, 1956-60; Business Manager and Member Editorial Board, American Journal of Botany, 1957-60); AAAS (Fellow); Indiana Academy of Science (Fellow); Arizona Academy of Science; New England Botanical Club; Society of the Sigma Xi (Secretary, Indiana Chapter, 1962-64); Advisory Board, NSF College Teacher Programs, 1966; International Society of Plant Morphologists; International Association of Wood Anatomists; Association for Tropical Biology; Visiting Scientist, U. S. - Republic of China Cooperative Science Program, 1971; International Organization of Paleobotanists; Section Editor (Plant Morphology and Palynology) Biological Abstracts; Palynological Society of India; American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists; Member-at-large, Governing Board, American Institute of Biological Sciences, 1974-77; General Chairman, 25th Annual AIBS Meetings at Arizona State University, 1974; Sociedad Botanica de Mexico; Asociation Latinoamericana de Paleobotanica y Palinologia; Executive Committee, AIBS, 1975-; Member of Council, International Commission for Palynology (ICP), 1977-.

James E. Canright

List of Five Representative
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14 September, 1977

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
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Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for your letter of 6 September. I am glad to have your ballot, but am very upset that ~~neither~~ Soviet Council member has submitted one. The reason I am upset is that Dr. Zaklinskaya corresponded with me a month or so ago in rather uncomplimentary terms about the fact that the election of Vice-Presidents had not yet occurred and that she, Zaklinskaya, was the obvious person to be elected for paleopalynology, without a page of justification for that not surprising conclusion. I think she felt she should just be declared a Vice-President and let it go at that, but the Constitution seems to call for an election, and I am trying to do it in as democratic a fashion as possible. However, without Zaklinskaya and Rovnina voting for Zaklinskaya, she may well not even make the run-off, and there will be some kind of fireworks about that.

Thanks for the suggestion of Tokunaga for Japan. Actually, word had reached me that Tsukada was given the task of finding out whom the Japanese might wish as their representative. Tsukada has so far not answered either of my letters regarding this matter. I think I will take the bull by the horns and write to Tokunaga directly. The problem would be solved if Japan had a palynological society which could simply elect a Council member. I must get to the bottom of this in the fairly near future. Your letter helped in stimulating me to take some further action.

I also appreciated your forwarding the letter from Martinsson. I have written a blurb similar to what he suggests and am sending it to both Norris and Hughes for possible improvements, expansion, etc. Thanks again.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et
cc: G. Norris

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11 April, 1977

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours with the interesting information about the report to the National Research Council. The official National Research Council representative was none other than yours truly. It was when I was asked to submit my report that I told them I had been unable to attend the Lucknow meeting, and that they might ask you for such a report, which you obviously handled with characteristic aplomb. NSF may claim I had as much as ten days, but the fact is that the letter from them, because of an intervening weekend, did not reach my desk and attention until late on the 20th of December, and I was scheduled to depart New York on the 26th. It was a bad show, although the Lord may have been taking care of me. I understand from you and several others that it was a very bad scene. I am not as yet sure what my presidency will amount to, though I am working very hard trying to get that straightened out.

Best wishes to you and Peggy; both Betty and I would love to visit socially again before we get too old!

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et

from the desk of

JAMES E. CANRIGHT

24-III-77

Al - I may be
black-listed at NSF, but
I thought you would
be interested in the
comments re travel
grants.

Jim

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
ASSEMBLY OF LIFE SCIENCES

2101 Constitution Avenue Washington, D. C. 20418

DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

February 17, 1977

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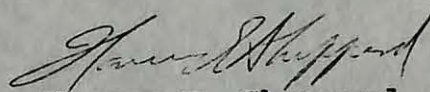
Dear Dr. Canright:

I have been informed that you attended the International Palynology Congress in Lucknow over New Year's Day. In this connection I wonder if you would favor us with a very brief report on this Congress? Our U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Biological Sciences attempts to obtain notes on most of the international meetings in the biological sciences for their information and use in the many duties they have. Likewise, the Commission on International Relations also uses these reports in connection with their work.

I am attaching a suggested form indicating some of the points of special interest, but we would especially like to know your personal impressions of the scientific program, arrangements for the congress, and any other matters you think of interest to these agencies.

We would deeply appreciate any information on this meeting that you could give us.

Most sincerely,


Harvey E. Sheppard
Staff Officer

Enclosure
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GENERAL REPORT OUTLINE
For
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Title: Fourth International Palynological Conference

Sponsoring Organization(s): Under the auspices of the International Commission for Palynology (ICP), a subdivision of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)

Location: Lucknow, India. Dates: 29 Dec. 1976 to 5 Jan. 1977
Conference Headquarters were at the
Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany,
53 University Road.

Attendance:

NAS-NRC Representatives: Unknown (J. E. Canright was the official representative of the American Institute of Biological Sciences)

U.S. Participation: 12 delegates from the U.S. (3 of these were Indian by birth)


Total Attendance: More than 200 registered for the conference, but attendance by unregistered Indian scientists swelled this number.

Number of Countries Represented: 23. The largest non-Indian delegations came from the USSR (14) and USA (12).

Officers Elected: Alfred Traverse of Pennsylvania State University (although not in attendance) was elected President of the International Commission for Palynology to serve until the next conference.

Date and Place of the Next Meeting: University of Cambridge, U.K., in late 1980 or early 1981. Professor Norman Hughes, the retiring ICP president, will host these meetings.

Comments: If the National Science Foundation Office of International Programs is going to continue to be responsible for the administration of travel grants to permit selected American scientists to participate in international meetings, the NSF procedures should be drastically revised. I do not know how many of the 12 American participants received NSF International Travel Grants to attend these meetings, but those who did were notified less than 3 weeks prior to their anticipated dates of travel. Dr. Traverse's



"lead time" from NSF was less than 10 days, so he declined to attend — yet he was the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP) official delegate and a nominee for President of the International Commission for Palynology and was scheduled to give 3 papers on the program. NSF had 6 months to process these applications for travel in the "soft currency" program; yet they waited until the last minute to notify applicants.

My formal report of the 4th IPC at Lucknow is attached.

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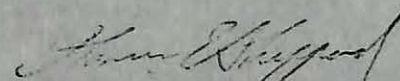
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Tempe, ARIZONA 85281

Dear Doctor Canright:

I sincerely appreciate the excellent report you made on the IV International Palynology Conference. It will go to the Committee today and to the Office of the Foreign Secretary of the Academy. I called special attention to your comment on NSF travel grants and added one of my own to the effect that others have experienced like difficulty, and, in fact, our travel grants programs here at the Academy have at times had this problem.

Thank you again for this contribution to the work of the USNC/IUBS. Your report is far more useful than many we receive. I rather envy your chance to visit India. I served there several months during the war before I was sent into North Burma and to China. It is a most interesting country, but I am sure there have been many changes since 1944.

Most sincerely,


Harvey E. Sheppard
Staff Officer

14 February, 1977

Dr. James E. Canright
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Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for the clipping with the news that the fifth meeting is supposed to be in U.K.--that wouldn't be so bad, after all, even though it seems to me that North America "deserves" to have it this time. I really appreciate your sending me the clipping because I doubtless otherwise would never have seen it.

More later.

Yours with best wishes,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

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from the desk of

JAMES E. CANRIGHT

27/I/77

5th palynological meet in UK

From Our Staff Reporter

LUCKNOW, Wednesday.—The fifth international palynological conference will be held in the UK in 1980. Its venue is likely to be Cambridge.

This decision was taken by the International Commission for Palynology at its meeting here yesterday. Prof. Alfred Traverse of Pennsylvania University US, has been elected the new President of the commission.

The fourth international palynological conference concluded here today. At the valedictory function, presidents of six divisions gave a summary of the scientific deliberations.

Several delegates appreciated the arrangements at the conference and lauded the work being done at the Birbal Sahnj Institute of Palaeobotany, where the fourth conference was held. ~~there are no more to mark.~~

Souvenir
from
the
"Lucknow

"Herald"
of 6-I-77

Jim

31 January, 1977

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the card from India. I had already heard about the election from George Fournier. Presumably, some of my unanswered letters have to do with the same subject. I was so embarrassed about not being able to be present that I have not yet got around to opening the pertinent mail but will do so in the next two or three days! I still can't understand the National Science Foundation's reasoning. A man who was very likely to be elected the international president, slated to give two papers, and invited to give the Birbal Sahni lecture not funded until it was too late to make plans to go--I got my letter with the ticket enclosed on the 21st of December! I had, three weeks before, decided I was not going to make the trip for lack of cash. One of my paleobotanical friends tells me he was one of the reviewers for the proposals to go to the Conference, and he got a call on the 20th of December asking him to read his reviews over the phone because the National Science Foundation had lost their files on some of this (including me)! It apparently was some sort of a snafu. From what George has told me, it may have been a blessing that I wasn't there, as I would have been so mortified as to have required psychiatric attention. Under the circumstances I probably should be given sympathy rather than congratulations! One of these days I'd like to hear from you in considerable detail everything you observed, for my edification and help as we head into this next five-year period. Presuming that you got back safely and with best wishes for both yourself and Peggy for 1977, I am

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

15 Jan. 1977

Dear Bob: In case you haven't got the official word yet - congratulations on your election as the new president of IPC.



It was not without the usual political hassle with the Russians; also, since Bhardwaj thought he earned it, he tried to negate the election in the final session. It was a tough spot for Norman Hughes to be in. I'll fill you in on the details later. I'm waiting at the Delhi Airport for my 4 A.M. flight back

to the States after an 8-day field trip thru central India. Regards, Jim

October 14, 1975

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85251

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of 15-IX along with the humorous slide. I not only will acknowledge it but also buy you a drink! No, I did not mean to imply that Canright was responsible for the "mess", if indeed there was one, but I had heard a rumor in that direction from one Knut Faegri. However, I also heard some criticisms of his behavior. So, I guess it was the Lord taking care of me as usual that prevented my attendance at the session.

Looking forward to seeing you in Houston, and with very best wishes as always to you and Peggy, I am

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb

P.S. Betty is joining me for the Houston trip!

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

15 September, 1975

Dear Al:

Remembering your collection of humorous slides from your AASP Presidential address, I am enclosing another (for the edification of your students).

Ted Delevoryas used this slide in his Botanical Society presidential address at Corvallis in August; I borrowed it to make copies. You don't have to acknowledge receipt---instead you can buy me a drink at the "Ice Breaker" in Houston next month.

Did I detect in your letter the implication that Canright was responsible for the mess at the IOP business meeting in Leningrad?? Since you weren't there, I can only assume that someone else led you to this conclusion. Let me straighten you out on this matter when I see you in Houston!

Incidentally, none of the paleobotanists who went on the post-Congress field trip to the Don Basin would agree with you that the Congress was a complete bust for paleobotanists. I'll be happy to elaborate on that topic too.

Cordially,

Jim Canright

P.S. - I note over "Friend" Spackman is in the AASP program.

September 12, 1975

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of 29 August. I have the same problem with "D.C.'s" paper. I have written him asking him for the proper literature citation. That sort of thing happens all too often.

Yes, I also heard from Sujoy Gupta regarding an honorarium and all that sort of thing for "D.C." I wrote Gupta what must have been an almost identical letter to yours, pointing out that enough time had just not elapsed!

Your report on the IOP business meeting at Leningrad must have been a lulu. Actually, Chaloner did succeed in picking up some of the pieces later on, and I presume that you mentioned that from a scientific point of view, the whole Congress was a complete bust for paleobotanists, excepting for the good work that the Committee on Fossil Plant Nomenclature accomplished in regard to the revision of the Code. I am also now beginning to understand the sage advice of my good friend, Ken Hsü, who told me over a year ago that one should never go to the Soviet Union except as a guest of the Academy of Science. I told him I could see no reason for such a sticky point of view, and I am sure that he is now laughing up his sleeve.

Best wishes to you and Peggy; I saw entirely too little of you in Leningrad, but it whets my appetite for another trip to Arizona. My rheumatic pains are bothering me so much these days, that I would certainly consider an offer of a professorship down your way! Hang in there.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb

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29 August 1975

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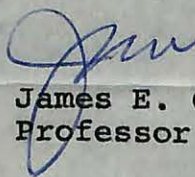
Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter of August 1 and for the xerox copy of Bharadwaj's paper "On the Classification of Gymnospermous Spores Dispersae". I agree that it was an imposition for him to ask you to do this. Frankly, in the absence of a published World Report of Paleobotany, Vol. X, I have no idea what the complete citation for this paper is. Perhaps you can give it to me when I see you in Houston in October?

Incidentally, Gupta of East Texas State wrote me (and you?) about getting an honorarium for Bharadwaj for giving a lecture here, so he could attend the AASP meetings again. I told him (Gupta) we'd already gone that route!

Peggy and I attended the AIBS meetings in Corvallis recently -- there were a number of good papers in the paleobotanical section and Ted Delevoryas gave a good talk at the Botanical Society dinner. I reported on the IOP business meeting debacle in Leningrad.

Regards,



James E. Canright
Professor of Botany

JEC:jmb

DR. ALFRED TRAVERSE
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1 August, 1975

Dr. James Canright
Etc.

Dear Jim:

Bharadwaj sent me a copy of one his papers with the request I xerox it and send copies to various people. You are one. I am sending the copy to you along with the prayer that this sort of thing not become epidemic! (Has gone out separately.)

Good to see you in Leningrad (I guess)--I am still in the process of depressurization. The few days in Prague after I left Leningrad (having been denied permission to visit the people in Moscow who were expecting me) were emotionally the most disturbing of all. I'll tell you more later.

Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,



Alfred Traverse

P. S. My secretary quit while I was gone.

June 26, 1975

Dr. James E. Canright
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Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Doubtless this will get to you ^{Office} after you have left for the Congress. I just opened your letter of 14 May, which arrived after my departure for the Black Sea. I was on-board palynologist on the Glomar Challenger for a month just completed. I have talked to the lady (Sue Winter) who takes care of the Catalog subscriptions and hope we have your problem in that area taken care of. Please let me know by post card later on if things still seem to be fouled up.

I'm surprised that you're worried about ATA regarding inefficiency in handling the USSR trip--I thought they were paragons of virtue compared with our local travel organization, on which I gave up on Jim Schopf's recommendation several months ago. The problem is not ATA but the incredible inefficiency of all levels of bureaucracy in the USSR. I am indeed intending to go although I still don't have my visa! I am assured that that will happen before I'm supposed to leave, although the number of days now available is down to four. I keep hearing about the Girardiosis, although a Russian palynologist (Olga Corna) who is now visiting me (masquerading as a Slovak) assures me on the basis of years of experience that there is no reason at all to get it. I have been bombarded with suggestions of various medications and currently have my medical school son doing an exhaustive research project on the question and will let you know how it all comes out.

Paul Strother was a real loss to you (as he is the best undergraduate student I have ever seen). Carol Powers, as you know, is not a Penn State student, and her record certainly would not give you great cause for joy. I hope she improves in graduate school. She seemed to be quite a nice and conscientious person, for whatever little that is worth. Regards to Peggy. See you in Leningrad.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY (602) 965-3414

14 May, 1975

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geosciences
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802

Dear Al:

I've been having a continuous hassle with the microbiologist I hired to replace me as chairman. It certainly has shaken my faith in my ability to judge human character (or lack of it). In any event, I need some help from you or the secretary who keeps the records for the "Catalog". Otherwise, I'm afraid our standing order for the "Catalog" will be permanently grounded.

*asked Sid
to take
care of
this →*

Our current chairman refused to use departmental funds to pay for Volume 38 last Fall, and I didn't hear about it until early this year. Now I have just received Volume 39, but can't locate the invoice either here or in our Purchasing Department. Will you ask your secretary to invoice (again?) ASU for Vol. 39 and send the invoice directly to me? Our university librarian wasn't interested in picking up the tab, so the Dean has agreed to take care of the costs -- at least temporarily.

I hope you are still planning on attending the Leningrad Congress in July. The way things are going with the Botanical Society's Charter Flight foul-ups, ATA's gross inefficiency in handling the USSR details, and the ponderous intractability of the Russian organizing committee, I almost backed out several times. Peggy no longer wants to go, but since I couldn't get back her deposit, she will be a reluctant "tourist" with me. We applied for the paleobotanical field trip (#13) to Devonian and Carboniferous sites in the Don Basin, but the Organizing Committee apparently hasn't given us political clearance yet -- or even visas, for that matter!

That's why I hope you are going, because, as you know, misery loves company! The \$300 that the Botanical Society gave

Dr. A. Traverse
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14 May 1975

me won't even get me to New York to catch the charter flight. Since I have no other source of funds, this trip will put me in hock for some time.

Sorry to burden you with all this -- perhaps you can read it again on a Sunday and give me some soul-saving guidance (if it's not too late already).

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Jim

James E. Canright

JEC:rd

P.S. - After I gave this to the secretary, a post-doc of Bill Schopf's came in to see me - he tells me Schopf has been in Leningrad since February & will remain till August. The giardiasis (from the Leningrad water) should help him lose weight!

Although I "lost" Paul Strother to ETso, the other PA applicant (Carol Powers) says she will come her next fall to work in paleontology.

Hopefully, I'll see you in July.

January 17, 1975

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the good word about Carol Ann Powers of Selinsgrove. This is a somewhat comical series of events. Miss Powers came to see me a couple of months ago, suggested she would like to do graduate work possibly in palynology (I think I may have given her that idea), and suggested that she would like to try another part of the country. I said that I couldn't think of a better place for her to go than Tempe, and suggested she apply there. I apparently did not make sufficiently clear to her that the eminent Dr. Canright in fact is in the Department of Botany and Microbiology, not Geology. I think she probably will be a pretty fair student. She made a good impression on me in our interview, and my only reservation would be that Susquehanna University is not exactly in the Ivy League. In other words, her GPA of 3.11 must be read against that background.

Hoping that all this works out all right and with continued best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/vsi

January 10, 1973

Dr. James E. Canright
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Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

That was a very cheering note on your card (and what a beautiful card!). For some reason, I was feeling a bit blue at the time the card came, and it did me a world of good. You always have been a great friend, and I only wish we weren't at opposite ends of the country. We naturally reciprocate your good wishes for the new year. We often think of you. Regarding Leningrad--my current plans are to attend, but there are indeed many slips betwixt the cup and the lip. The biggest problem is cash! I got a grant from the Bot. Soc. for the trip, but it is only \$300, and that is poultry nourishment. Are you going to take Peggy? Must get on with my chores.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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November 2, 1973

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Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for yours of 25 October. Bharadwaj has departed for New York and will go from there more or less directly to Lucknow. I have therefore simply stuck the envelope in another cover and sent the whole thing off to him to India.

Unfortunately, your "friendly word of warning" came approximately 24 hours too late. I also arranged for a lecture and am reaping a corresponding ^{whole} world wind of dirty looks. In all fairness, I warned the graduate students, etc., that the main purpose of it would be to be able to tell their students that they had sat at the feet of the famous Dr. Bharadwaj in 1973, and I refrained from having anybody present except palynologists and quasi-palynologists. Although Bharadwaj did a little better by us than he did by you--100 minutes, ~~the~~ main criticism ~~we~~ had was not so much the duration as the quality. I have never heard such nonsense since, as my mother says, "I was born to die". Angiosperm pollen derived from lycopsids, and stuff like that, Circulina and Classopollis (which, as you know, I regard as all one genus!) representing two entirely different lines leading (of all places) to the dicots and Nymphaeaceae horrors! Well, it was an experience, and I was glad to play a role in helping "D.C." have a good time.

I second the motion as far as the joy of seeing you is concerned, though it was disappointing that our wives could not be with us, for disparate reasons. That reminds me that I was glad to have the progress report on Larry. They do some wonderful things in orthopedics these days, and please encourage Larry not to get too discouraged. Incidentally, I probably didn't burden you with the information in Anaheim, but

Tate Ames' younger daughter had a somewhat similar experience with less disastrous results a month or so ago, and she is only now getting to the point where there is some talk of her eventually leaving the hospital.

Well, I better get back to answering some of the other letters in my post-meeting disaster area. You and Peggy are among my very favorite people, and I join you in hoping that we can get together at least at the Houston meeting. That is one which we certainly are going to attend, and I have not given up all hope of our both making it to Calgary.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

25 October, 1973

Dear Al:

I put Bharadwaj on a plane for Dallas this morning; he will be met by Gupta and be driven to East Texas State (wherever that is!). Anyhow, the enclosed letter came this A.M.---since Bharadwaj said he would be coming to Penn State in the near future, I am forwarding it to you. In the event that he goes to Florida State instead (these were his original plans before Fritz Cramer got sick), either send the letter there, or else back to Lucknow.

A friendly word of warning---I went to considerable trouble (and expense) to arrange a joint Botany-Geology Colloquium for Bharadwaj. And despite my previous warning to him that he should not talk over 50 minutes, he went 90 min. Most of the audience walked out before he finally concluded, and the remainder are sore at me for "arranging" the debacle. So if he gives a lecture to your group, put a big red flashing light on the podium!

It was good to have seen you again at the Anaheim meetings---perhaps our wives will join us at the Houston meetings and we can have dinner together?

Larry had his 3rd operation the other day; they put a 6" pin in the femur and tried to reassemble the tibia, but he's going to be in a body cast for a long time.

Peggy joins me in sending you and Betty our best wishes.

Cordially,

Jam *Caanight*

4 September, 1973

Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 28th. After waiting 6 mos. for your response, I finally got a copy of the Index to Vols. 11-20 thru our Interlibrary Loan service.

Just made reservations at the Grand Hotel in Anaheim for Peggy, Eloise and myself. Ellie (now 13) was willing to miss school if she could get to Disneyland! So, we'll see you next month.

That was a good paper you and Doug published in Taxon. We went to the ICSEB meetings in Boulder last month. A disaster!

Regards, *Jim*

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

January 12, 1972

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa. 16802

Dear Al:

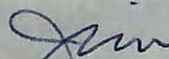
As you may know, last September I purchased replacement volumes of the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen which I "gave" to National Taiwan University.

However, to date I have not authorized our Purchasing Department to pay for these volumes because the Index to Volumes 11-20 was missing in the shipment. Has this index been reprinted yet or is it likely to become available in the near future?

I need it very much in my work. Perhaps if you are not planning to reprint this volume, you might be willing to supply me with a Xerox copy? *(at cost)*.

Peggy and I enjoyed your clever Christmas card tremendously!

Cordially,



James E. Canright
Professor and Chairman

JEC: jmb

P.S. You may have heard that Delevoryas and I got stalled in Bangkok on December 4th when the Indian-Pakistani war closed all Indian airports.

February 8, 1973

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for the reprints which arrived recently, including especially your long awaited (!) paper from the AASP Proceedings, and the paper on Metasequoia. I especially enjoyed the latter contribution because I had already heard the Devonian paper in person, though it still makes good reading. It is tempting to call the pollen Metasequoia, considering the close association with the megafossil remains which you refer to a species of Metasequoia without doubt. However, I recognize the difficulty of this problem!

Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi

January 26, 1972

Prof. James E. Canright
Department of Botany & Microbiology
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter of 12 January, which took an unconscionably long time to get here.

The index to Volumes 11-20 is indeed out of print. The whole question of reprinting is something which hangs heavily over my soul all the time. We must do it in order to make the Catalog useful, and yet I have been able to figure no way to finance the project. If we were to begin reprinting (and we have done a little), the index volumes, of course, should get first priority.

Bill Spackman and I are discussing the question of reprinting from time to time and probably will make some sort of decision fairly soon. One of the options which I am considering is quite in line with your suggestion in your third paragraph. In other words, I am thinking of the possibility of reprinting with the new, high quality Xerox. If we do this, however, the cost per volume ^{to you} will be the same as if we were to have the volumes reprinted by the usual technique. In fact, the cost per volume ^{now} would be a little higher in terms of printing expense. The advantage it would have for us is that we would not be obliged to find storage space for thousands of stock copies.

I had not heard that you and Ted Delevoryas were stalled in Bangkok as a result of the recent war, but I must say that you picked an interesting place for it to happen. You and Ted should have been able to get quite a lot of shop talk taken care of!

Best wishes as always and special regards to Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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cc W. Spackman

P.S. I meant to emphasize in the text of the letter that I will keep you posted on what I find out regarding the reprinting, and you should be getting a copy of the index you need one way or another before too long.

May 27, 1971

Professor James E. Canright
Department of Botany
National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
China

Dear Jim:

This will be an answer to both yours of 22 April, and yours of 19 May. I admit quite readily that I am not good about keeping up with correspondence--anymore. I used to answer all letters practically the day that they came in, but since that time various people at Penn State (deans, committee chairmen, T.V. programs, etc. etc.) have discovered my presence, and I am lucky if I am within two months of being current.

In this case, however, one of the reasons I haven't answered until now is that I have been trying to decide what to say to you about two questions that you ask in your very interesting letter of 22 April. First of all, regarding the possibility of spending a year in Taiwan, I think it is an absolutely fascinating notion, and I would like to hear something more about it. For example, I would like to hear what year they had in mind. I would be entitled to some sort of leave in about another year, but I don't think that I could possibly get away this coming year. One of the best known palynologists in the country, Ray Malloy, is apparently out of work because of a Gulf cut-back, and I wonder if he might not be interested in the proposition for next year. I certainly would recommend him without hesitation. His address is: 12910 Queensbury Lane, Houston, Texas, 77024. I certainly would like to keep my name in the hat for the year after next.

The other question you raised in the earlier letter was regarding the Catalog. You say that you sold ten volumes of the Catalog to the Taiwan Botany Department at the original price. After much soul-searching, I can only conclude that you have been "had". The National Taiwan University should have paid you the present going

price, because that is what it will cost you to replace the volumes. Furthermore, quite a large number of the volumes are now out of print. We do have grandiose plans for reprinting in the reasonably near future, and have actually reprinted one volume already, but the exact timing on the reprinting is somewhat uncertain. The only solace I can offer is that we do have a stock of Option C, which is the catalog on card stock, available at the bargain price of \$8.50 per volume for most of the volumes from 1-25. However, Option C is, as you probably know, not bound. From volume 26 on the only unbound Option we have which is compatible with Option C is Option A, which is printed on somewhat larger cards. In my own files I find that the slight difference in size of the cards makes no difference at all as to the convenience of handling. What a person really needs, however, is two sets of the Catalog, one in bound volume, so that he can use indices to look things up, and one on cards which can be filed stratigraphically, or according to taste. I hope you're not angry with me about this, but there really is no way that I can sell you the Catalog at a price less than the going price, with the exception of the special offer we have on the residue of Option C, at \$8.50 per volume. It may interest you to know, and I wish you would noise it around whenever you can, that compared with all the other catalogs, ours is greatly under-priced, even at the present schedule.

Now regarding May Wong, it really is too late to get her in as a graduate student for next fall anyway, and your very frank statements in the letter of 19 May is most helpful to me, in that it means that I can in good conscience tell her that it is impossible for me to make such an arrangement. That isn't strictly speaking true, I suppose, because if I pulled enough wires and yelled at enough people, I might possibly be able to swing it, but such extraordinary measures do not seem to be indicated. I wish we had a job for her as a technician or research associate, because my impression of her is exactly as you say--a very cooperative, capable, person.

You seem to have done a wonderful job setting up the lab, in Taiwan. I was most interested in your preliminary statements about your results, I am trying to find a few minutes here and there between various appointments to work on the Black Sea sediments, but I missed the deadline (it's getting to be characteristic perhaps) for submission of a paper on my conclusions for the Black Sea volume that Woods Hole is putting out. It was terribly embarrassing, but I learned a lesson. I will never again agree to try to produce something on that sort of a deadline schedule. Meanwhile, as far as I know, the plans for

Tucson next October are going along pretty well. I still have not decided for sure whether to go to Novosibirsk or not--even if the money comes through, which is unlikely.

Best regards to Peggy and Ellie.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, CHINA

19 May, 1971

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

In answer,
also answer this
letter

Dear Al:

When I noted your "P.S" on your letter of April 27 (which, incidentally, was not post-marked until May 4---you still have secretarial problems!), I thought I would wait until you answered my other letter. However, you outwaited me, so our letters will probably cross somewhere in the Pacific.

To answer your question about May Wong---what kind of a position was she applying for? If she is applying for a TA or Research Assistantship in order to commence work on a Ph.D. in palynology, then in all good conscience, I couldn't recommend her. Although I admit to prejudice against females in Ph.D. programs in general, this is not the main reason I can not recommend her (oops, double negative!)---she just isn't that dedicated a scholar. However, if you have funds for a research assistant full time, she would probably do a more than adequate job for you. She published a paper on modern pollen of Taiwan with T.C. Huang (the dept. chairman here) before she came to ASU. In order to keep me from doing most of the writing of her MS thesis (it's happened before with some of my previous Chinese students), I gave her a straight descriptive problem on pollen of annonaceous genera from SE Asia. So she knows how to make pollen slides, the acetolysis techniques, and to handle the descriptive terminology. I let her assist me in plant anatomy last Fall, so you know her English is good. Besides that, she is a pleasant person to have around.

Her mother and brother now live in Toronto, so I thought about writing Geoff Norris to see if he had anything for her. However, if you're interested in hiring her, I won't bother to write anyone else. Let me know your decision.

We are finding lots of Miocene grains in the local coal seams, but not too much diversity---high in Alnus and Liquidambar types at the present time (plus Verrucosisporites). I have a luncheon engagement tomorrow with Dr. Y.S. Meng---he is not only Chief Geologist with the China Petroleum Co., but also a Prof. of Geology at NTU and a consultant with the Taiwan Geol. Survey. If he is convinced that this palynology program is worth supporting well for 5 more years, then money will become available. That's the way things operate here!

Cordially,

Jim
James E. Canright
Visiting Professor

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April 27, 1971
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Prof. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
China

Dear Jim:

I have had an inquiry from your student, May Wong, regarding the possibility of coming here after she finishes her Master's degree. Did you know about this proposition, and if so, what would you think of it? Everything is about as usual here. I am madly trying to get a couple of short papers finished, but can seem to find little time between historical geology, problems in palynology, and "environmental paleontology", etc. etc.

Do let me hear from you about your reaction to this suggestion of Miss Wong's at your earliest convenience, because time would be very short in order to do anything of any value for her--she seems to be talking about next fall!

Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, CHINA

22 April, 1971

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa.

Dear Al:

I wondered why I got such a quick response to my second letter to you---I suspected crass commercialism as the motive (because I was opening a new market for your Catalogue in Taiwan). However, when I looked at the postage on your February 16 letter (which I didn't receive until April 3), I found the answer--- your secretary didn't mark it "airmail" so it came by sea mail.

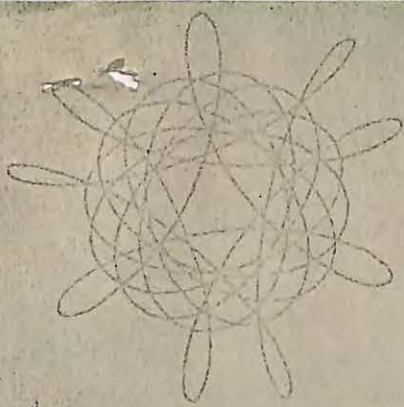
The enclosed Xerox copy of the front page of the April Science Bulletin of the Chinese National Science Council (their version of our NSF) tells something of the proposed 5-yr. plan to develop palynology in Taiwan. I have been asked to help locate palynologists who would be willing to come out here a year, with NSC & NSF picking up the tab. Since you are so fond of Chinese food (and have something of the missionary spirit besides), would you be interested in spending some time out here? It will be much easier for those who follow me, because I now have set up a rather complete palynology lab of 1350 sq. ft, including a prep room, dark room, sample storage room and separate office. I also have a new Zeiss Universal Research microscope with phase, DIC, polarizing and photomicrographic attachments. Since several people are being trained to carry out palynological techniques, you wouldn't be starting from scratch the way I did. Let me know if it interests you, and I'll let the NSC take it from there.

I finally got a reprint of my paper in Vol. 1 of the AASP Proceedings today, 22 months from the date of submission of the manuscript. One line of type was dropped from the abstract--- however, since you already have on record my gripes at the way the volume was handled, I'll not belabor the matter any further.

Peggy, Ellie and I flew to Hongkong for 5 days over the Easter period---we had a great time in this shoppers' paradise, and went thru money like it was paper scrip. I saved a clipping from the Hongkong South China Post about our State Department pulling the Gulf research ship out of the Taiwan Straits (at least while our table tennis team was in Red China). When we got back to Taipei, the local China Post had a somewhat different version. I talked to Bob Johnson, the local Gulf exploration manager, so realize the political tight rope they are walking. Perhaps George Fournier might like to read the enclosed clippings when you are through with them. Johnson told me they had no plans to set up a palynology lab here; however, the Chinese Petroleum Company will do so if I can show them some results from the Miocene profile I am working on at present.

Peggy joins me in sending our best regards to you and Betty.
Cordially,

P.S. - I sold 10 vols. of the Catalogue to the Botany Dept. here at the price I paid originally (not \$30 each).
Can I replace these when I get back to Penn? at a "bargain" price? I'm not trying to make money, but I don't want to go in the red either!



But only God can make a tree!

SCIENCE BULLETIN

National Science Council
214 Roosevelt Road, Section III
Taipei, Republic of China

ROC to Start Palynological Study

Palynology, a relatively new branch of botany, has few rivals in term of wide applications. In view of the academic and economic bonanza likely to be derived from it, the National Science Council has decided to pick up the bill for initiating palynological study in the Republic of China. Dr. James E. Canright, an authority in the field, has been in Taiwan since last February to help start the ball rolling.

Getting most of the benefits from the project will be mineral prospecting. By determining the standard

types of pollens and spores of the long geological past, geologists will know where they are likely to find oil and coal deposits. As the Republic of China is eager to find new energy resources to feed its expanding industry, palynological study may prove to be the magic divining rod. Small wonder the Chinese Petroleum Corporation and the local coal mining industry have expressed keen interest in the project.

During Dr. Canright's tour of duty in Taiwan, he will help develop several crucial types of fossil pollens

and spores. His work will pave the way for Chinese scientists who will continue the study after his departure. Successful conclusion of this phase of the project will provide a valuable clue to geologists searching for natural resources both on land and in offshore areas. Because of shortage of competent research staff in Taiwan, personnel training will be an important task during the initial period of the project.

Professor Tseng-chien Huang, head of the Botany Department, National Taiwan University, has worked out a five-year plan to lay a solid foundation for palynological study in free China. The plan calls for the establishment of a research center at his department. The center's tasks during the initial period will include data collection, acquisition of necessary facilities, training of research personnel, and initiating certain basic research projects.

Professor Huang has listed several research items during the five-year period. They are: 1) study of the Chukuangkeng profile in Miaoli county (Lower to Middle Miocene), 2) core analysis in another typical profile either in central or southern Taiwan, 3) morphological study and classification of spores, 4) determination of geochronology, 5) study on airborne pollen grains in Taipei City, and 6) pollen analysis of Tainan profile (Middle Holocene transgression).

Once a solid foundation is laid, the scope of palynological study will be greatly expanded to include mineral prospecting, geology, paleobotany, paleoecology, biochemistry, medical science, environmental sanitation, agriculture, and even history and archeology. This formidable list shows how wide the interdisciplinary application of palynology is and how great its benefits to mankind can be expected. Investment in money and manpower is therefore amply justified.

March 15, 1971

Prof. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
China

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of our most recent brochure on the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen. You will note that we have crossed out the prices on the last page because the price structure has been somewhat changed. We feel that institutions really ought to have a standing order for the Catalog (what good would the Encyclopedia Britannica be if you had only letters a, c, g, s, and z?). We therefore are no longer allowing the individual price rate on anything but a standing order, in order to prevent people from picking up single volumes at what amounts to a very considerable loss to us, especially when most of them are really intended for the use of an institution. We are still allowing institutions as well as individuals to pick up single volumes, but only at the premium price. Even that is something of a compromise, in my opinion, because I feel that institutions should be supporting our operation by giving us a standing subscription.

There is also something of a problem regarding volumes which are out of print. The volumes which are not now available are Option A--volume 13, 16; and Option D--volume 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. We have plans to reprint these volumes, and the people who have a standing order will get the missing volumes as soon as they come out. I think that about answers any questions you might have. I do hope we will get a subscription from Dr. Huang. His name reminds me that my son, Paul, is in his freshman year at Harvard and has among his three roommates a gentleman named Hanson Huang who comes from someplace in Formosa. His uncle is the Chinese representative at the United Nations. It must be a common name.

Dr. James E. Canright
March 15, 1971
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Greatly enjoyed your calling card! Will keep it always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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Enclosure: brochure

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, CHINA

23, February, 1971

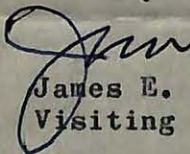
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology & Geophysics
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

When I came out here last month, I shipped a number of volumes of the "Catalogue of Fossil Spores and Pollen" to use in connection with my planned research on Miocene Lignites of Taiwan.

The chairman of the Botany Department at NTU, Dr. T. C. Huang, is now interested in purchasing some of the volumes of the Catalogue. Accordingly, would you please send me a price list of the volumes and indices which are still available? Many thanks.

Cordially,



James E. Canright
Visiting Professor

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February 16, 1971

Dr. James Canright
Botany Department
National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan
Republic of China

Dear Jim:

It was a great surprise to get your letter from Taiwan. Despite your complaining about the "cold" climate, I much envy you the trip. I suppose I am thinking mostly of the wonderful Chinese food I would be eating if I were there. I just read a paper by Jack Sharp in which he says that during his stay in the Botany Department where you are, he was provided with a cook, "Toyo", who prepared over 50 different dishes during his one month stay. How I love Chinese food! Enough of the culinary folderol.

I have sent your ballot on to Dave Wall, and I don't blame you a bit for the way you voted. I was especially shocked by the terrible series of mistakes which was made on Geoff Norris's paper and the Proceedings volume 1. I shall make your letter part of the agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee in St. Louis in April, and I hope something will come of it. It was good of you to write in such detail.

Best wishes to Peggy and Eloise.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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TAIPEI, TAIWAN, CHINA

J. Canright

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Dear Al:

Please excuse the writing, but secretaries are at a premium here, and "the" departmental typewriter is in use.

I am enclosing my ballot on the amendment (to save me ~~50¢~~ postage) - perhaps you will forward it to Wall - or destroy it? I want you to know that I am not voting against the amendment recommended by the AASP Executive Committee because of economic reasons. My vote is simply a small protest against the atrocious handling of the AASP Proceedings volumes by the LSU Press. As I have indicated to both you and Dick Hedlund previously, unless AASP has direct editorial and production control over their publications, they will be a laughing stock among scientific periodicals. The first volume was almost 3 years "in press", and the next two do not appear to be in much better shape. When I called George Hart in December (Hedlund wouldn't answer my letter or return my phone call), he told me the LSU press would not release more than 50 reprints to authors until they had sold enough volumes to pay their printing costs.

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They feared free distribution of reprints would hurt the sales of the entire volume. Since my own article is a "maverick" in that it emphasizes macrofossils over microfossils, I do not anticipate a major demand for reprints, particularly from AASP members. However, I originally requested 200 reprints and was prepared to pay for them. Yesterday I received a note from Bob Clarke saying he would proofread my article for me, and that 50 reprints would subsequently be sent to my Tempe address. Since I already proofread the article about a year ago, and since it was announced at the Toronto meetings that the publication date of the 12th volume was October 15, now I'm wondering what the hell is going on in Baton Rouge?! I've had enough experience with the operations of the Amer. Jour. of Botany to know that a journal will soon lose potential authors (and subscribers) with such sloppy handling. Why don't you use your good offices to explore other publishing sources?

Arrived here on Jan 29th and it's been cold and rainy ever since. We spent 5 nice days in Honolulu enroute and a week in Japan - where Larry stayed with us for 4 days (he is based near Yokohama).

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I spent a day with Dr. Tokunaga, Head of the Coal Section of the Japanese Geological Survey, and he ~~took~~^{took} me out to visit the Petroleum Exploration Institute (and their only paleontologist, Shimazaki).

The Taiwan government is extremely interested in petroleum + gas possibilities off their NE Coast, which explains (in part) why they were interested ^(I supported financially) in my proposed palynological investigation of Miocene lignites in northern Taiwan. I expect to collect some lignites and get to work as soon as the weather starts to warm up. Since this is a subtropical region, it's not really cold (by Pennsylvania standards), but to us "Arizonans", it's clammy and uncomfortable.

If you know any oil company people residing in Taiwan, give me their addresses and I'll look them up.

Are you or anyone in AASP going to the International Conference on Palynology in Novosibirsk? I finally heard from Zaklinskaya yesterday - he said I could enter Siberia via Japan (contrary to the Moscow-only edict which I heard previously). If I can make travel arrangements from here, I'll go, + Peggy + Eloise will joyfully return to Arizona.

Our love to you + Betty, Peggy, Jim Carrigto

September 14, 1970

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Your card of 31 July was waiting on my desk when I got back from the Bloomington meeting. I'm sure you must have wondered why I didn't comment on it, but perhaps you understood that I have been away the whole month of August.

Apparently Tschudy and Scott were not unhappy about my review of their book, but I would be doubtful if Dr. Erdtman would feel as charitable. As you said in your card, I wasn't trying to "get" Dr. Erdtman, just saying what seemed to me necessary to say.

It was a great personal satisfaction to me seeing you preside in Bloomington, and entirely appropriate! Thanks for your compliment in the card and best wishes as always to you and Peggy.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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Dear Al:

Boy, you really did it this time! Just read your review of the Erdtman and Tschudy & Scott books in Amer. Scientist. Hope you're not planning any trips to Stockholm in the near future (and you might as well omit Denver from your future travel plans as well). However, I quite agree with your analyses: the Erdtman book is a mess, and the price tag is an insult for such a hodge-podge of information. Although in general I was pleased with the other book, it will never serve as a text (and Arnold's contribution is out of place here).

The trouble with you & I, Al, is that we are too honest in our evaluations---Harold Bold has hardly spoken to me since I panned his first morphology text many years ago.

Regards
Tim

See you in Bloomington?

May 28, 1970

Dr. James E. Canright
Chairman, Dept. of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

By coincidence, Dick Hedlund is visiting here this week on Thursday and Friday. I will show your letter to him, and I am certain that the appropriate blurb will appear in the AASP Newsletter. The term is winding down toward a close, and aside from occasional delegations of students who inform me that my historical geology course is "irrelevant", no real problems. I suppose that vast hordes of people demanding to do "independent study" instead of finishing the regular course work might be interpreted as another form of rejection, but most of us are viewing it as the normal desire to avoid work and go to the beach.

Best wishes to all of you.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT:kc

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

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AASP*

May 14, 1970

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

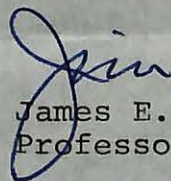
Dear Al:

Many thanks for the word on Frank Potter. Since I have heard nothing further from him after I asked him to have you and Bill write letters for him, I presume he was simply on a "fishing expedition" for a guaranteed annual wage (as a TA).

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from John Hall to me regarding sale of copies of the Paleobotanical Bibliography to members of AASP. In case Hedlund fails to include a note about this in his next newsletter, would you bug him, please?

With best regards.

Cordially,



James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:jc

Enclosure

May 6, 1970

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany and Microbiology
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85821

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the copies of correspondence with Dr. Zipf. Very informative and interesting--not to mention flattering! I take it from the long time that has intervened since the first letter that I have succeeded in slipping off of this particular hook. I seem to be managing to keep myself busy despite the failure of your nomination. It is nice to be well thought of, and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving them my name.

Regarding Frank Potter--all I really know about him is that he was one member of our Paleobotanical Seminar earlier this year when we were discussing the question of the origin of the angiosperms. He is a student in the botany department. Later on, he came over to see me about places he might go to continue some work in paleobotany, particularly of Cenozoic sediments. I recommended that he write to you as one of the few places in the country which I could without qualification recommend. I gather that his record is somewhat spotty, and if it were I, I would want to get an opinion on him from persons who know more about him, such as Dr. James Hilson of the botany group (now organized as part of biology) here at Penn State. I am not really in a position to say anything at all about the fellow except he seems to have a pleasant personality. He never did take my course in palynology, which seems a little peculiar if his interest in paleobotany is all that keen. But why don't you talk to Hilson for a more meaningful opinion? Best wishes to all of you in Tempe. I suppose my fiend, Doug, must be getting toward the end of his stint at Arizona State, and we will be seeing him up here as he makes his way to Geneseo.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of
Geology and Biology

AT/mrw

from the desk of

JAMES E. CANRIGHT

29-IV-70

Al -

I enclose some past
& recent correspondence
with BA re the Palynology
Section. Although I
was responsible for
the initiation of this
section, you will note
that I tried to get a
more experienced person
(AT) for the editorship.

(over)

Now I am trying to
get them to broaden
their coverage to suit
more AASP members.

Don Engelhardt spent
4 days with us earlier
this month + Doug Nichols
is giving a seminar
to my palynology class
tomorrow. You people
make my job easier!

Regards,

Fein
P.S. - Frank Potter wrote me recently
about a Ph.D. program. Is he any good?

11 December, 1968

Dr. Elizabeth M. Zipf
Supervisory Editor
Biosciences Information Service
2100 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Dr. Zipf:

* { In reply to your letter of November 5, I am delighted to learn that Biological Abstracts has formed a new section on Palynology. This has been long overdue. In case you have not already selected an editor for this new section, I'd like to recommend Dr. Alfred Traverse of Penn State University. He has had experience in palynology with an oil company, the U.S. Government, and both geology and botany departments in universities. Since he is currently co-editing the "Catalogue of Fossil Spores and Pollen", he keeps informed of the palynologic literature from all sources. He is also Secretary-Treasurer of the new organization of palynologists, The American Assoc. of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP).

I enclose a photograph of Palynologic Fossils for your information. You will note a number of organic entities are treated under this title other than pollen and spores. Although some of these organisms are probably of animal origin, e. g., chitinozoans, discoasters and coccoliths, they are usually studied by palynologists because these organisms are found mixed in with fossil spores and pollen and are isolated by the same chemical treatments. Accordingly, I would recommend that these microfossil groups be included in the palynology section. I would also include paleoecological papers (if based upon pollen analyses) and stratigraphic correlations based on palynologic fossils. I'm not certain where to place archeological pollen analysis---a relatively new field---or melittopalynology, which deals with the pollen types in honey.

I am also enclosing a topical outline of my palynology seminar which lists most aspects of interest to palynologists, with the possible exception of the palynology of glaciers.

Of the abstracts you marked for my placement recommendations, 8 of the 11 should be in palynology; the other 3 properly belong in Paleobotany where the emphasis is on plant macrofossils.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:mcs

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P.S. Could you ask your circulation department to send me the 1968 October (No. 10) issue of Bioresearch Index? This was inadvertently omitted when they sent me the complete set for the year. (I already have No. 11). Thanks

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY

TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

April 29, 1970

Dr. Elizabeth M. Zipf, Supervisory Editor
Biosciences Information Service
2100 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Dr. Zipf:

In response to your inquiry of March 5, I believe it would be impractical to attempt to list genera in the Biosystematic Index --- certainly for the vascular plants, at least, the family listing is adequate for most research workers. However, you might wish to reexamine your listing of higher taxonomic categories. For example, almost no one follows the older "Pteridophyta-Spermatophyta" concepts today. It would be preferable to list the major taxon Tracheophyta and under this heading list the major classes: Psilophytopsida, Psilopsida, Lycopsidea, Pteropsida, etc. For your information I enclose a mimeographed sheet of a modern classification of the vascular plants (down to the family level).

With reference to section definitions for which I am responsible, I offer the following comments:

Palynology---See my remarks in the 2nd paragraph of my letter to you dated 11 Dec., 1968.

"Palynologic fossils" include a number of microorganisms of animal origin or whose exact affinities are unknown. These should be included here, because they are recovered along with plant spores and pollen assemblages in ancient sediments and often have considerable value in stratigraphic correlation. The members of an organization to which I belong, The American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP), are interested in all kinds of palynologic fossils for purposes of stratigraphic correlation; accordingly, they are better served if the abstracts of these varied microorganisms are grouped together in the Palynology Section.

I would also recommend inclusion of morphologic studies of extant spores and pollen which provide taxonomic and/or phylogenetic information. This would include descriptions based on both transmission electron microscopy and the newer scanning electron microscopy, as well as the more conventional light microscope investigations.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Zipf
April 29, 1970
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Paleoecological papers based on palynologic fossils should also be included in this section.

Morphology & Anatomy of Plants---As previously recommended in my letter of 30 September, 1968, I would add the anatomy of fruits, seeds, and seedlings, as well as wood anatomy (when described for systematic purposes) and nodal anatomy. Most ultrastructural studies should be included under the Plant Cytology Section. In the March 1 (1970) issue of Biological Abstracts the following abstracts placed in the Morphology Section have more relevance to plant cytology: #27962, 29763, 29764, 29766, and 29770.

Similarly, in the February 1 issue of BA, I would relegate abstracts #16363, 16376 and 16379 to the section on Fungi, and #16367, 16369 and 16371 to the Plant Cytology Section. Abstracts #1624, 16252, and 16253 properly belong in the Palynology Section.

If your staff editors are in doubt about proper location of abstracts, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:jc

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

March 10, 1970

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa 16802

Dear Al:

Many thanks for your nice note and the fragrant
cheese (about which the mailman was most concerned).
It was very thoughtful of you.

It now appears that the Malayan jaunt is out, so
I'll probably be in Bloomington for the meetings after
all.

My family got me a new deluxe pool cue, so I won't
be missing those easy shots the next time you come back!

We enjoyed your visit--bring the rest of your tribe
next time.

Cordially,

Jim

ARIZONA STATE
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND MICROBIOLOGY

February 13, 1970

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802

Dear Al:

I am delighted to learn of your scheduled trip into the "Valley of the Sun." Next time you head this way (or can stop over enroute to L.A.) let me know further in advance so we can schedule you for a seminar--and also help with an honorarium.

It's something of a coincidence that you should mention Doug Nichols, because I had invited him over to visit our department only yesterday. We talked for about 2 hours, and he also gave Bob Stewart (working on some Mississippi lignites of the Wilcox) some advice regarding nomenclature--no doubt recently heard from his mentor!

If you can get away from Tucson Tuesday P.M. (Feb. 24) and drive up to Tempe, we'd enjoy having you stay with us. Also, your connecting flights out of Phoenix to the east are much more frequent than from Tucson, so you can visit with us for a longer period on Wednesday.

Cordially,



James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:ms

February 9, 1970

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

I am going to be in Tucson for a conference on the 23rd and 24th of February, and I am toying with the idea of renting a car in Tucson, driving to Tempe probably Wednesday morning, the 25th, with the idea of visiting some of my friends at Arizona State that afternoon. As you know, my student, Doug Nichols, successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation a few weeks ago and is on your campus on a temporary basis in the Geology Department. It looks as if he will be permanently situated at Geneseo College in New York. In any case, I want to spend a little time with him and whatever remains with you. It would be delightful if I could have a visit with you and Peggy on a social basis. I don't think I have seen her in at least 10 years.

Best wishes until we meet--presuming that you are going to be town on the 25th.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology
and Biology

AT:kc

March 18, 1969

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Glad to have your endorsement. It would be interesting to have an oriental flavor around here. Besides, in addition to being a Sinophile like you, I am also a gynophile. You don't say how you stand on that. We'll be glad to correspond with Miss Wong. At least we have nobody named White on the present staff.

We shall indeed be at Seattle--this time camping as you did in 1959, but we are hoping for no miracles of the sort that visited your campsite.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology

AT:kwc

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY

TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

13-III-69

Dear Al -

I took your March 5 letter to heart and plugged you into my

National Taiwan University grapevine.

This is the finest university in Asia (with the possible exception of some Japanese universities) and I have friends there on the botany faculty.

I have had several graduate students from NTU the past five years - my experience has been that they will work much harder than their American counterparts.

However, Arizona laws prevent us from ~~paying~~ ^{paying} non-citizens of the U.S. from State funds. Accordingly, we have to

get federal research funds to help support them. I'm sure you don't

have the same problem in an
"enlightened" state like Pennsylvania!

In the event that you are
not a sinophile (as I am), then
I apologize for giving them your
name — for the floodgates
open readily when they find
an American friend!

On the other hand, you
may never even hear from this
girl.

Best regards to you & Betty —
See you in Seattle in August?

Cordially,
Jim

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY

TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

12 March, 1969

Miss Mei May Wong
11, Lane 16, Sec. 2,
Shin-shen South Road
Taipei, Taiwan, China

Dear Miss Wong:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your and Dr. Huang's "Pollen Grains of Formosan Plants" which arrived recently -- it is obviously the result of some meticulous research.

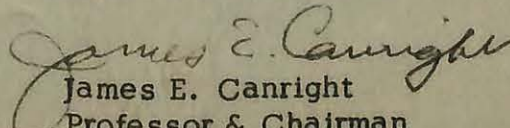
Although your professors have indicated that you passed the TOEFL examination with an "A" grade, our Graduate Admissions Office has just informed me that they have never received your official score from the Testing Service. We are ready to recommend your admission as soon as we have the official TOEFL score and you complete the enclosed Personal Data Form.

However, before you go to the trouble to complete your application, it is only fair to tell you that my current National Science Foundation research grant (covering my palynological research) has just expired. Although I could probably obtain a renewal of this grant (which would include a research assistantship for you), I would not be informed of the success or failure of my application until next August. Because it would not be fair to ask you to wait this long for notification, you would probably be wise to apply elsewhere for graduate work in palynology. You might write Professor Alfred Traverse of the Department of Biology at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802. Dr. Traverse is a good friend of mine and well-known for his published work in palynology. He is also editor of "The Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen".

He recently wrote me asking for the names of persons interested in working with him on a palynological problem for a master's degree. I presume he could offer you some financial aid, because his state does not have the restrictions that we have.

I shall be interested to learn of your future plans. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:mcs
Encl.

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

19 November, 1968

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology & Geophysics
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

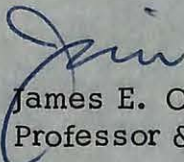
Thanks for your kind words---I'll not deny it improved your "priority" in my backlog of correspondence!

The reference about which you asked is: J. Proskauer (1960) - Studies on Anthocerotaes VI. Phytomorphology 10(1): 1-19. The comparisons of Horneophyton and Anthoceros spores will be found on page 17 of the above article.

I thought the AASP meetings were quite worthwhile, but some of George Hart's arrangements left much to be desired. As I think I told you earlier, the paleobotanical field trip you organized in California in 1957 was the best organized biological event I have ever attended.

Peggy joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Betty.

Cordially,


James E. Canright
Professor & Chairman

JEC:rlf

March 5, 1969

Dr. James Canright
Head, Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

It is perhaps superfluous to be one's own PR man, but in an effort to leave no stones unturned, I thought it wise to state modestly that graduate students in palynology are being trained here under my direction, and that we would therefore appreciate being grafted into the grapevine along which information about various job opportunities is said to travel.

Also, I would appreciate it if you would consider advising prospective graduate students in palynology who want to sample education elsewhere to keep the possibility of Penn State in mind. We have laboratory and library facilities as good as any, located in the new Deike Building (College of Earth & Mineral Sciences). The personnel and library of the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen and our "palynological data project", as well as the various research projects, make ours a stimulating place palynologically. We now have three full-time professional palynologists (H.T. Ames, R.B. Sanders, A. Traverse), as well as a paleobotanist with a strong collateral interest in palynology (W. Spackman). Spackman and I now both have joint appointments in biology and geology, so graduate students can organize work here toward degrees in palynology-paleobotany in either biology or geology. In terms of flexibility of requirements, this is a very desirable arrangement. For example, a botanically oriented palynologist can now enroll in biology at Penn State and does not need to satisfy the various local requirements for a degree in geology. Yet such a student has available to him at Penn State first class instruction, facilities and contacts in all those area of geology which may be pertinent to his work and interests.

Please keep us in mind.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology
Editor
Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen

November 7, 1968

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Dear Jim:

Can you refresh my aching memory with a reference to the paper in which Horneophyton spores were compared with Anthoceras spores, per your very interesting paper on the Devonian of Arizona?

It was good to see you again at BR and especially to see you in such fine fettle. I already feel older than you look.

Best wishes as ever.

Yours very truly,



Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology

AT:kwc

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
JORDAN HALL

AREA CODE 812
TEL. NO. 337-5980

July 17, 1964

Dear Al:

Sure, if you'll buy my house, I'll use what little influence I have to get you the job! As a matter of fact, leaving the house is the hardest part about our move. We just finished building on the north side of the house this spring—a 28X18' cherry panelled family room with Andersen window walls, a redwood deck overlooking the valley, new bathroom. etc.

Why don't you write Dr. Rhoades and tell him of your availability? Actually, I was scheduled to teach Anatomy this fall and Paleobotany next spring, so if you could be lured away from the Seminary in September, you could take over without any problems (at least, as far as he is concerned). He is rather resigned to being unable to fill the spot until September, 1965, so if you made yourself available sooner, he might jump at the chance to grab such a well-known paleo man. The geologists here would be glad to have you too, since a number of paleontology and stratigraphy grad students were scheduled to take my course, which is only offered on alternate years with comparative morphology.

Peggy and I are flying to Edinburgh (after 2-3 days in Paris) on the 23rd and will take in the Paleozoic field trip. We return on Aug. 14th for one week before we move to Tempe.

If you're serious about this job, I suggest you act fast—I'll help all I can.

Cordially,

511 E. 47th St.
Austin 51, Texas

22 July, 1964

Professor Marcus M. Rhoades
Chairman, Botany Department
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Professor Rhoades:

My good friend, Jim Canright, tells me that his spot in your department will be vacant next year. Jim was a couple of years ahead of me in the Ph. D. program at Harvard, and I have known him well for many years. I have visited him in Bloomington several times, on a couple of occasions giving seminars on palynological subjects. I have often told Jim that he is the person whose job I most covet. His work facilities looked to be superb. Furthermore, I love Indiana (my wife's home state). If something could be worked out relative to my present circumstances, I would very much like to be considered for the position.

When I was an undergraduate at Harvard, I did an honors program on corn genetics with Prof. Mangelsdorf. Partly on the basis of that, I was awarded a Henry Fellowship for a year's study at Cambridge, England, the idea being that I would work with either R. A. Fisher or D. G. Catcheside. But for various reasons, they did not appeal to me, and Fisher baffled and frightened me. At about the same time I was taking H. H. Thomas' course in plant morphology and paleobotany, and I liked it very much, so I decided to switch to paleo, and I continued that after I returned to Harvard for A. M. and Ph. D. degrees. My thesis was on the pollen and spores of the Brandon lignites. While at Harvard for graduate work I was teaching fellow for Barghoorn's paleo courses, and head teaching fellow in Prof. Wetmore's anatomy and morphology courses. (I was Canright's successor in this.) Among other things, this last job got me a wife--Professor Wetmore's technician.

Unfortunately, I got my degree during the Korean war, and there were not many teaching jobs available. I love to teach, and an academic job was my desire. But circumstances dictated that I take what was available--a job as paleobotanist with the Bureau of Mines. I served with them until Shell offered me a job in Houston as palynologist, and I stayed with them until last year. At that time, I decided that I had had enough of pure research for a private corporation. The lack of freedom to publish was stifling, and the lack of contact with students, or other interested people, was stultifying, and I decided to make a clean break that would eventually lead back to academic life. I have long been interested

in the work of the Episcopal Church, and I decided to enter seminary as a candidate for the B. D. degree, with the idea of eventually either teaching at a seminary--in the general area of theology, ethics and their relationships to the natural sciences--or teaching paleobotany and plant anatomy and morphology with a sparetime and weekend interest in theology and ethics as they impinge on science and scientists. As you may know, the Episcopal Church is very liberal, and my entering seminary does in no sense that I was revolting from or rejecting my scientific background. Nor does it mean that I was mad at Shell Oil Co. In fact, I have a consulting contract with them, and have a small laboratory set up here in which I earn most of the bread we put on our table. Rather, the change meant that I wanted to get back into academic work, and this seemed a good route toward that goal. I have done very well in seminary. In fact, I have been awarded the outstanding-student scholarship (\$1500) for next year.

I append clipping from Who's Who in the Southwest, which contains most particulars about me. I can send reprints if you like. My publication list is not as impressive as it should be, because nothing that I have done since joining Shell in 1956 has been published, except little blurbs that they have ruled innocuous enough for publication. For example, I did a very nice piece of work on the palynology of the Bahama Banks, and tried to get permission to give it as a paper at the forthcoming Congress in Scotland, but permission was refused. I am hopeful that eventually Shell will allow me to publish at least the more important things that I did for them.

My problem in relation to this particular job is that I don't complete requirements for the B. D. until May, 1965, and I am now so near that I would greatly regret having to quit. I am at the moment working as a chaplain at the state mental hospital here. This is the first requirement of the senior year. I then have several courses in ethics and theology and a course in Greek exegesis of the New Testament and one in Hebrew exegesis of the Old Testament still ahead of me to complete the three-year program here. On the other hand, I am so interested in the job at Bloomington, that maybe some compromise could be worked out, if you were interested in me. Eventually, I am determined to complete the requirements for the B. D. degree for which I have gone 75% of the way and which does mean a great deal to me in terms of service to the Church.

Well--thanks for providing a hopefully sympathetic audience, and if you would be willing to discuss this possibility with me I would be most interested.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse

4 December, 1961

Dear Al:..

Just received your paper from Micropal. 7---many thanks. I read it over carefully in order to find out who won what arguments at the Congress. I have been reading the proposals and counterproposals in Taxon, but because of the abbreviated citations used there, was unable to make sense of the whole business without spending hours pouring over the Code. And this I refuse to do! Therefore, your contribution is invaluable.

Incidentally, now that you are the spokesman for nomenclatural matters in paleobotany, how about outlawing such specific epithets as "mangeldorffii", "barghoorniana," etc.?

See you in Tucson next April?

Regards,

Jim

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

6 October, 1961

Dear Al:

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed propaganda relative to oil operations overseas.

We arrived back in the States a month ago—just too late for me to get to the AIBS meetings at Purdue. After having had a record of perfect attendance (but no gold star) for 10 years, now I've missed two meetings in a row....makes me feel out of touch with things. Nevertheless, our year in Southeast Asia was a tremendous experience which I wouldn't trade for anything.

My family boarded a Norwegian ship in Singapore and I met them in Bombay after a flying trip thru India, Nepal, & the Kashmir. I spent a day with Surange and his staff at the Sahni Inst. in Lucknow—a nice set-up, and gave a lecture on my research at the Univ. of Delhi in Maheshwari's department. Spike Shutts (my former student now teaching at Wabash) is just beginning a Fulbright year there.

Still in the process of unpacking my boxes of dried and preserved material, including a batch of flowers in glacial acetic for additions to our pollen reference collection.

Peggy joins me in sending our best regards to you and Betty. Be sure and stop in the next time you come to Indianapolis.

Cordially,

Jim
Coughlin

November 24, 1958

Dr. James Canright
Botany Department
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the note. Ginny Page's internationally famous faux pas was of course well-known to me. This had occasioned a certain amount of ribaldry around here. I hope Ginny will not be too offended. After all, the camera doesn't lie. Perhaps she should switch brands.

As for the pens: They are called Koh-i-noor Rapidograph and are made by Koh-i-noor Pencil Company, Inc., Bloomsbury, New Jersey. We are using them more and more and are very enthusiastic about them. They come in five different weights, of which we find the No. 0, extra fine, the most generally useful, though we keep a selection around, for different uses. They will write anything, up to and including ordinary paint, though a liquid such as paint requires considerable care and maintenance of the pen. If you do not use the pen for some time, there is often some difficulty in getting it to flow, but with practice at shaking the thing, per instructions, you will be able to keep it running without trouble.

Best wishes to all you lucky people in Bloomington.

Very truly yours,

As

Alfred Traverse

W:pid

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

Nov. 17, 1958

Dear Al:

I have been trying to buy a pen like the one you use for labelling slides. Can you give me the trade name of the pen and the name of the manufacturer? Thanks very much.

The prints of the photos taken on the field trip just arrived this A.M. from Guennel. What a motley crew! Tom Wilson was completely hidden in this shot simply because Ginny Page picked that exact moment to hitch up her shoulder strap!

Best Regards,

Jim Canright

Oct. 1958

Dear Al:

It was good to have seen you and Betty recently, but I was sorry that our official duties kept us from getting together more socially. Let us know if you're planning on bringing the family back this way for Thanksgiving or Xmas.

Am enclosing the assessment from Don Engelhardt and myself for the year 1959.

Recently I have been macerating some Oligocene coals from Venezuela and finding some very interesting pollen and spores-- not to mention an abundance of cuticular material.

In the event that you get some requests for reviews of potential AJB papers on paleobotanical topics from Harold Bold, I plead guilty of "sicking" him on you. Of ~~you~~ course, you can always say, no.

Best Regards,

Jim
Carrigton

Iglesia y tunel de Pagüita con vista a los bloques 2 de Diciembre
CARACAS - VENEZUELA

TARJETA

CORREO F

Caracas: 7/11/58

Your letter of June 27th
has reached me. I can't leave
here until the 16th, so you &
Guennel had better make the
preliminary trip w/me.

Bert van Raadschouwer was
in here the other day & we talked
shop most of the afternoon.

Am learning lots about
the morphology of *Focera* &
contiguous pollen & spores, but
little of their botanical sources!

Regards, Jim Canright

Dr. At.

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June 27, 1958

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jin:

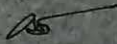
Sorry to have delayed in writing so long, and hope this gets to you in Caracas, where you and Peggy must really be living it up.

I have written to Wentworth, confirming the luncheon arrangements.

Guennel seems to be going ahead on the field trip arrangements, and I'll be in Bloomington for a preliminary shot at it. If you are not to be back until the 17th, I think we had better not count on you for that preliminary trip. But if you do get back a few days early, I hope you'll come with Joe and me. The trip-proper will be on August 22-23.

Best wishes to Peggy.

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse, Secretary
Paleobotanical Section, B.S.A.

AT/mg

cc. Mr. G. K. Guennel

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

May 28, 1958

Dear Al:

Don't you "tut, tut" me, you fellow capitalist! I'm just getting my feet wet this summer, whereas you made the entire plunge several years ago. Apparently Gulf recognized my potential, whereas your own outfit never even bothered to answer my letter. Actually, all this came as quite a surprise to me. I applied for a summer grant (so I wouldn't have to teach summer school), and one day they called me from Pittsburgh and asked if I'd like to go to Venezuela for two months---at a nice salary and all expenses paid. What would you have said?

You had better get a new grapevine, for your information is incorrect. Peggy and I leave for Caracas on June 12, but will be back by August 17, a week before the field trip. Therefore, we will be looking forward to a reunion with you and Betty. They originally asked me to go during the months of July and August, but I said I couldn't go unless the project was moved up two weeks. So they agreed.

I will be working for the Mene Grande Oil Company, which is a subsidiary of Gulf. They are just beginning to do pollen work and want my help (never mind why). They have cores of Eocene age from the Lake Maracaibo region which they want analyzed. They just hired a girl away from the Shell lab in Maracaibo, and the Mene Grande micropaleontologist spent several days there with your J. Muller learning the techniques. Unfortunately, in some respects, they have decided to follow the Van der Hammen system of nomenclature. Incidentally, do you have any good references to papers on Eocene pollen and spores? (I already have a reprint of the Kuyf, Muller, & Waterbolk paper).

Just talked to Wentworth, Director of our Conference Bureau, about the proposed luncheon for Wednesday the 27th. He has agreed to assign us a room in the Union Building for this date, and to handle the tickets at registration. The number of plates which we agree to pay for does not have to be settled until 48 hrs. prior to the luncheon, i.e., on Monday, the 25th. If you want to give him any further information write Norris Wentworth direct---his office is in the Union Building.

I will leave several proposed routes and sites for the field trip with Guennel. You and he can work out the details when you come up here early in August. The Geol. Survey has agreed to pay for the cost of printing the agenda sheet and log for the trip.

Best Regards,

PS - We are moving to our new home tomorrow.
Just simple country folks!

Jim Canright

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

February 12, 1958

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Shell Development Company
3737 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston 25, Texas

Dear Al:

Happy Lincoln's Birthday! (Now I suppose you'll have to burn this letter before some of your southern "confederates" see that subversive statement).

Glad you enjoyed your visit here---come back anytime. And Peggy wanted me to be sure to thank you again for the azalea. The flowers lasted almost three weeks and the plant is still doing well.

Sorry you didn't let me know when you were returning to Bloomington, or I would have been on the reception committee. Joe tells me you had a happy time. Incidentally, it looks like the deal on our "country estate" will go thru. The owners accepted our offer, so we put our house up for sale to cover the down payment.

Am enclosing your Kodachromes which I borrowed. Thanks muchly. Also the questionnaire---yes, I will attend the AIBS meetings in August! (Did you think I'd chicken out and head for the hills?) I have written Guy Campbell relative to Devonian collecting sites, but have had no response as yet.

Don't know if you had a hand in this or not, but the Survey has suddenly decided to push my "Carb. Flora of Indiana" paper thru the mill in order to have it available prior to the meetings. Since the ms. has been bottled up over there for two years, I'll believe it when I see it.

Hasta luego!

Cordially,

Jim Conright

January 31, 1958

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the fine hospitality. It was fun to visit with you and get things underway for the meeting next August. I also naturally enjoyed seeing you on your home field, and once again I'd like to say what a great set-up it seems to me that you have. (And I am not known for being over-enthusiastic)

I'll get out the preliminary statement on the meeting one of these days. Then we'll probably have some more correspondence!

Best wishes to Peggy, the kids, et al.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse, Secretary
Paleobotanical Section, B.S.A.

AT:ml

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

January 3, 1958

Professor James Canright
Department of Botany
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Thanks for yours of the 30th with the dual invitation. I have already made reservations through the Shell offices in Indianapolis for the Hotel XYZ in Bloomington, nights of January 9 and 10. So, let's let that part stand. I shall look forward, however, to visiting Chez Canright for a cocktail or whatever is appropriate, and I'd like to get a look at your progeny, of course.

As far as giving the seminar is concerned, let me say that I am always willing to perform to the best of my ability, if you wish it. Unfortunately, however, I do not have a stock talk nor any appropriate slides on hand. (Remember that I was a coal petrographer for the Bureau of Mines--my slides are still heavily on the petrographic side.) But that's a relatively small matter, it seems to me. If you wish me to talk to your seminar group, I'll talk as best I can with what I have available. There is another problem: I don't have time to get permission to deliver anything really original about what I am currently doing. And the Brandon story is beginning to weary even me. So, what about something innocuous but perhaps informative, such as: "Use of Plant Microfossils in Geologic Research"?

Glad to hear that you talked with Jim ^{Schopt}~~Shopt~~ recently re the August meetings. We should be able to cook up a pretty rewarding affair, it seems to me. I'm already looking forward to it.

I will arrive on the 9th, but just when on the 9th depends largely on how long I talk with Jim. It may be in the evening. Hence, I think you had better schedule my talk for Friday, the 10th. I'll phone you when I arrive on the 9th, or from Columbus if there is any serious change of plans.

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse

AT:hmp

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

December 30, 1957

Dear Al:

Received your letter concerning your forthcoming visit to Bloomington and hasten to reply. We will be delighted to see you, and (unless you'd rather live more comfortably) would like to have you stay at our house while you're in town.

This invitation is not dependent in any way with my next invitation, so feel free to accept or reject it as you see fit: would you be willing to give a seminar of ca. 45 min. duration either on the afternoon of the 9th or 10th? You should have a stock talk and set of lantern slides developed by this time, so it wouldn't mean a lot of extra work for you. Any phase of palynology would be of interest to our faculty and students, but a talk slanted towards the applied approach might draw more petroleum geologists and paleontologists.

Again, I wish to emphasize that you do not have to "work for your supper" by giving a talk—you're welcome here anytime!

I talked with Schopf at some length (naturally) during the recent AAAS meetings at Indianapolis. He liked some of my suggestions concerning a paleobotanical field trip next fall, and was even mildly enthusiastic. More about this when I see you. Let me know when to expect you in Bloomington.

Regards,



(Canright)

December 27, 1957

Professor James Canright
Department of Botany
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:


If agreeable with you and if all goes well, I plan to be in Bloomington for a day or two, on January 9 and 10 to discuss the plans for field trip, etc., for the Bloomington meetings. I also hope to be able to get a good look at the botanical facilities at U. I., etc. Will you let me know if this is not o.k.?

When things get a little more on this foray, I'll get in touch with you again, probably by phone.

Would you warn Joe Guennel and Richard Starr that I am coming, so that they can put things away that they don't want me to see?

Best wishes to you and Peggy for a bountiful 1958.

Yours very truly,


Alfred Traverse

AT/mg

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

~~Release~~
November 15, 1957

Dr. James E. Canright
Department of Botany
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Bravo! Glad to hear that you and Joe Guennel will be able to lead and help promote the field trip. I think the localities you mention make the prospect of a very good trip a certainty. I would say that this year's experience indicates that the group will support and enjoy the works--I mean the 2-1/2 - 3 day trip. I am already excited by the prospect.

Now is the time to get the division of responsibility taken care of. Will you want me to come out a week ahead of time and cover the ground with you and Joe in preliminary fashion, as I did with Mac this year? I would enjoy doing so but do not want to if you and Joe would rather do same by yourselves. This year I took care of the procuring of reservations, etc., etc., and Mac made sure that the fossils were where he had left them some time before. Then there is the work of preparing the guidebook with geologic log, etc. This can be done after the preliminary trip, and again, I should like to help if you want me.

Do you think the method we used for solving the transportation problem this year would be acceptable and advisable? I have a feeling we can do it again. The alternative would be a bus, in my opinion. I just came back from an S.E.P.M. field trip in Mississippi and Louisiana. There were 60 people and 45 cars. It gave me the willies. We could easily end up with twenty cars if we leave it open. The technique I used this year is a little dictatorial but decreases the amount of worry. If we get enough people, a bus might be worth considering.


I shall circularize the membership in January and should have some good preliminary idea of the number of people who will come by the end of February. I believe I can give you a horseback guess right now that won't be far off: 30. That is probably conservative.

I am writing to Guennel today. Perhaps you have already explored the matter with him. If so, so much the better.

Still haven't got back the transparencies from my trip. Will send them to you if they're any good.

Best wishes to Peggy.

Yours as ever,


Alfred Traverse, Secretary
Paleobotanical Section, B.S.A.

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

November 8, 1957

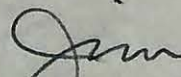
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division
3737 Bellaire Boulevard
Houston 25, Texas

Dear Al:

The same day that your letter arrived, I also received Charlie Trotter's set of transparencies of the California field trip. I appreciate the loan of these very much, and will return them to him as soon as I can obtain duplicates. If you have others of your trip, I would be pleased to borrow them also.

Regarding your question concerning a possible field trip next fall, I am willing to lead it and I am sure that Guennel will help me organize it. Last month I took my paleobotany ^{class} down to some Upper Devonian sites in Kentucky, with the thought in mind that if this horizon were productive, we might include it as part of the field trip before the next AIBS meetings. Although the amount of material which we collected was not large, perhaps I could prevail on Guy Campbell to divulge more productive collecting sites in the New Albany Shale. Although he is now retired from teaching at Hanover, he is still actively working in the field. As for Pennsylvanian sites, I have compiled a sizeable catalogue of good collecting areas where fossils are relatively abundant. This includes sandstone casts, ironstone concretions, and ^{compression material in} clayey shales. Although this type of collecting may be old hat to persons in the middle west, you might circularize the members of the Paleobotanical Section and see what sort of response you get concerning the desirability of having such a field trip. It could be a one-day affair, or if the Devonian were included, it would take two and a half to three days. Let me know what you decide.

With best regards,



James E. Canright
Associate Professor

JEC/jmp

P.S. - That's right - a new secretary! (as clearly indicated by the mistakes in this letter.)

October 18, 1957

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the kind words. I knew you had had enough experience with that sort of thing to know how much work and worry it all was. That probably put you in a small minority. I was certainly glad to get home to the quiet of my lab and home.

I didn't take as many pictures as some on the trip because of preoccupation. One was the last frame on a roll I just got back from processing. All of the others are on a roll I just took in today for processing. I am sending you the first item with this letter. The black flecks are the processor's fault and can probably be cleaned off with the Kodak transparency cleaner. The rest I'll forward as soon as possible. Charlie Trotter took some pretty good shots, and you might write him also.

Looking forward to next year, what should we do about a field trip? I think it's a must and should cover whatever you feel would be appropriate in Indiana. My experience is that you needn't fear revelation of your good collecting sites. Everybody has too much to do in his own back yard. Will you lead it, on the terms MacGinitie led the one this year? That is, I take care of the preliminary and troublesome details, you provide the scientific information. If not, whom do you nominate?

Best regards to Peggy. Hope all is well in Bloomington despite Indiana's current efforts to go Ivy League. (And some people say that every Big Ten team is tough.)

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse

AT:rdB

Enclosure

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

June 26, 1957

Dear Al:

Sorry to disappoint you, but Spackman didn't put me up to anything. However, since the faculty salaries are nowhere near the loot paid by the Oil Companies, we have to cut all possible financial corners to even make the California trip! My wife and I plan to sleep in our station wagon on the way out there, and would like to continue to do so during the course of the paleo field trip. We need no special camp ground, so don't worry about this aspect of the trip. We'll be happy to have our meals with the group, as long as you haven't picked places where we have to dress for dinner and tip the head waiter \$10 to get in.

The two slides of the Brandon pollen have been received and are gratefully acknowledged. These slides are really loaded with pollen; I have checked out a number of the species with your BuMines Publication. Incidentally, Dave Frey & I gave a paynology seminar last semester---he did all the work, and I provided the students. They all wrote for copies of your eminent publication; I hope you get royalties!

See you in August.

Best Regards,

Carrigo

Jim

PS. Joe Wood has just accepted a job at Univ. Missouri. Cincy offered him a position, but the department there is in a mess (of which our friend Abbott contributes more than her share).

June 21, 1957


Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Something that has been on my conscience is about to be taken care of. Way back in the Pliocene you wrote asking if I had any slides of the Brandon material that I could spare. I didn't, but I have now made some for you, and they are in the mail. Don't get the impression that very many sediments are so rich in pollen. I still haven't seen anything so full of pollen as this sample of the Brandon lignite.

See you in Berkeley.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:ml

Shell Development Company
Exploration and Research Division

June 18, 1957

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:


Your letter of 15 June raises a problem that Bill Spackman predicted would come up. He was here two weeks ago, and when I told him of my intention to run a pretty formal field trip so as to reduce the number of problems he said, "Wait til Canright hears this. He'll never let you get away with it." In fact, in the absence of word from him, I'm convinced he put you up to this.

Here's my reaction: come ahead, but don't expect us to go too far out of our way to provide adequate camping sites. In other words, we will consider that you are on your own as far as housing is concerned. Unless I hear differently though, we'll plan to make reservations for you and Mrs. Canright for meals.

I am hoping to keep the number of vehicles down for safety (we will be operating on some rather tortuous roads), so will be making every effort to persuade people to leave their cars in Berkeley and ride in one of the provided station wagons. I, therefore, appreciate your offer of a ride for some of the crowd and may well take you up on it.

Best wishes as ever.

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse, Secretary
Paleobotanical Section, B. S. A.

AT:ml

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

June 15, 1957

Dear Al:

Just received your letter of the 10th regarding plans for the paleobotanical field trip in California. For some reason I kept no carbon of my answer to your previous questionnaire, so am not sure exactly what information I gave you.

We are driving to California in our station wagon, and will leave the kids with Peggy's folks in L. A. ; my wife would like to join me on the field trip. However, in the interests of saving money for lodging, I am wondering if it would not be possible for us to sleep in our wagon, rather than in a motel? We have a "sleeping porch" which fits over the tail gate of the wagon, air mattresses, and sleeping bags, so see no reason to spend \$8-10 a night at a motel. Would this arrangement foul up your plans in any way? We would be happy to have 2-3 persons ride with us, but, of course, cannot ask them to share our sleeping quarters. Let me know if this plan is not OK.

I am one of those who has to be at Stanford for the Council meetings on the 25th, so would like to arrive back there around noon of that day.

Cordially,

*Jim
Carrington*

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BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

January 25, 1957

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Shell Development Company
3737 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston 25, Texas

Dear Al:

Am enclosing the questionnaire which you sent out recently. If I remember correctly, several years ago the Council of the Botanical Society expressed the feeling that there were already too many paleobotanists made corresponding members. They asked the other sections to submit names for consideration---this brought in some foreign taxonomists and microbiologists last year. However, the number of corresponding members is ca. 25, so if two more paleobotanists are added to the ^{current} list (Leclercq, Florin, & Kräusel), one-fifth of the corresponding members will represent this field. Considering the comparatively small number of paleobotanists in the Society, I, for one, think this representation is too high. Unfortunately, other duties prevented me from attending the business meetings of the paleobotanical section at Storrs, or I would have expressed these thoughts at that time.

How's the job situation in your outfit? Need any more paleobotanists or palynologists at Shell? We just received word from Magnolia Petroleum that they are branching out in this direction. Joe Wood (whom you may remember) is finishing up his Ph.D. thesis with me this year and is looking for a position. He majored in paleobotany and minored in geology, and has a fine record. Last year he spent with Arnold on a visiting fellowship from I.U. This year he is on a terminal year NSF Fellowship in Paleontology. I'd appreciate it if you would let me know of any available positions for him. Incidentally, I lined up 9^{or 10} students who were interested in palynology, and together we convinced Dave Frey to offer a course in this subject next semester. Guennel will give them some material on Paleozoic spores in addition.

Re the Stanford meetings next fall, I have to be there (in a moment of weakness I agreed to take over the job of Bus. Mgr. of AJB), but am not sure if I can get there in time for the paleobotanical field trip. Next August we offer a Field Botany course as kind of an "Anhang" to summer school, and if we get any enrollment, I will lead them off to Florida for 2 wks. In the event that not enough people sign up for this jaunt, I've been invited to participate in an all expenses paid expedition (by private plane) to Southampton Island in Hudson Bay. So, one way or another, August is pretty well shot---not that I'm complaining.

Congratulations on your election as secretary of the Paleobotanical Section. With best wishes

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

July 26, 1955

Through Chief, Branch of Coal Tech.

Department of Mines and Technical Surveys
Geological Survey of Canada
Ottawa
Canada

Dear Sirs:

Please send us a copy of "Canada Year Book, 1946", being miscellaneous publication G.36, as per recent mimeographed list of publications. The book bears the additional title, "The coal deposits and coal resources of Canada."

Very truly yours

Alfred Traverse
Head, Fuels Microscopy Laboratory

cc ATraverse/dw

February 7, 1957

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:


Thanks for the interesting letter. Apparently a change in personnel must have meant a change in policy as well, for the dope we got was that the Council specifically requested that we nominate further candidates, especially that we nominate persons from the area of palynology. A recent letter from Creighton seems to convey the same impression, though only by implication.

Re the job situation: there certainly is plenty of room for people with a combined geological and botanical background, though you will understand that unless there has been considerable palynology thrown in, much training is still required. We have just taken on Spackman's man, Trotter, and are not at the moment in the market for junior staff members, as far as I know. It never does any harm, however, to apply. I may not even know about some of the labs opening up. Apply to Shell Oil Company, New York. Stanolind, Tulsa; Gulf, Houston; Cities Service (?); and Ohio Oil Co., Denver are all known to be beat-in the bushes for palynologists with various degrees of seriousness. I believe that each of them wants a man with a deal of palynology behind him, though. Wood would make a good second man for any of these jobs, but the picking is so thin that they might be willing to take him for the top job and train him after he is hired.

Do try to make the paleobotanical field trip. If it materializes as outlined it will take in some of the best collecting sites in California and the redwood forests and coast vegetation from Eureka to San Francisco in the bargain. The trip will take three days, and I am hoping that we can get 10 or 12 people for it.

You must have your tongue in cheek on your congratulations. It looks to me to be a considerable burden, though the rewards in terms of what I am learning are also great.

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse, Secretary
Paleobotanical Section, B.S.A.

AT:rlg

U. S. Bureau of Mines
4800 Forbes St.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

27 July, 1951

Dr. James Canright
1604 E. University St.
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Jim:

Betty and I were very pleased to get your card but were most disappointed that you and Peggy couldn't come to the wedding. We thought that the proximity of Indianapolis to your home would perhaps make it possible for you to be there, but we had, of course, forgotten about the children problem. We shall probably be more understanding in a few years. Anyway, I can remember looking down along the reception line to see if you were there. Since we were married so far from the center of our social activity, only my best man and some of Betty's attendants were able to come from out east. One of my classmates who is stationed at Atterbury was able to come. ~~Most~~ of the rest of the large churchful were Betty's family and their friends. All of my family was there, including my father, who did the thing (He's a clergyman, as you may remember), and my sister, who was a bridesmaid.

We went to the Muskoka Lakes in Ontario for our wedding trip, spent some time in Ottawa and drove back through the Thousand Islands. We visited some of Betty's relatives near Syracuse for a few days, Betty's former roomie, Carolyn Hall, now Felger, and her husband, in Buffalo. We spent some time in Niagara Falls with my relatives there, drove on to my home in Michigan and returned to Indianapolis. Incidentally, we spent an afternoon with Charlotte Pratt in Geneva on our way to Buffalo. She looks very healthy, tanned from her work out-of-doors. She seems to like the work, and both Betty and I feel that she is better off for a change. A change is as good as a rest, to quote the old wheeze.

My work for next year will be with the Bureau of Mines, as you might have gathered from the return address. They have hired me to investigate the North Dakota lignites in the new lignite laboratory in Grand Forks, N. D. I have been sent here for several months of indoctrination before going to work in N. D. I am down to deliver a paper on my pollen work at the September meetings in Minneapolis and will be there if I can get permission to go, which is perhaps doubtful. Knowing what I now know about the way things go, I should perhaps have applied for permission last winter.

Yours as ever,

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

August 29, 1951

Dr. Alfred Traverse
U.S. Bureau of Mines
4800 Forbes St.
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Al:

Glad to hear from you and to know that marriage seems to be agreeing with such a confirmed bachelor. We too were sorry that we were unable to come up to Indianapolis for your wedding, but as you say, you will probably understand the problem that a flock of kids involve in a few years.

Hope you and Betty were able to get out of the salt (pardon, coal) mines for a few days to get down to Penn State to see the Spackmans. Bill was here for a day last month during his "grand tour" at the university's expense. We enjoyed seeing him, but wish he could have tarried longer.

I trust this letter catches up with you before you head for North Dakota (boy, will you be out in the sticks!!), for I too am planning to attend the A.I.B.S. meetings at Minneapolis, and thus hope to get an opportunity to talk to you. I have a room reserved in Centennial Hall, so be sure and look me up---I'll buy you a short beer (or two).

I mentioned your wedding to Wetmore recently, and he informed me he was quite aware of it due to the fact that you took the best technician he ever had. Previously I hadn't realized that your wife was a former "inmate" of the Biol. Labs. Anyhow, that's high praise from him, as he formerly thought Charlotte was pretty good. Incidentally, what is she doing in Geneva? I thought she left Harvard to take a job in NYC. Or have I been misinformed?

Thanks for the reprint of your Mesoxylon paper; I thought you did a good job with it. I should also like to put in my reservation for a copy of your pollen paper when it comes out. I finally got around to reorganizing part of my thesis and sent it off to the Journal of the Arnold Arboretum last week. I insist upon sending you a reprint---someone has to read it!

My previous invitation still goes. Any time you and Betty are in Indianapolis, drive down to see us---you can make it in an hour's time.

Best Regards,



Region V
Box LL, University Station
Grand Forks, North Dakota

February 8, 1954

Dr. James Canright
Department of Botany
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana


Dear Jim:

Thanks for the reprint of your interesting paper recently published in Phytomorphology. Hurrah for the Magnoliaceae! Only criticisms I would offer are: 1. In my opinion, Faegri and Iverson's system of terminology is far more concise and useful for pollen morphology than Erdtman's. This is especially true of the features of the pollen wall. (See "Textbook of Modern Pollen Analysis") 2. Illustrations should include size, in microns, of grains, with all photographs of pollen at uniform magnification, preferably of about 500x.

We look forward to seeing you on some future trip of ours to the family seat.

Best wishes.

Very truly yours,


Alfred Traverse
Coal Technologist

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Dear Al:

Thanks for them kind words. I realize that my paleobotany papers thus far have been far from earth-shaking in importance, but one has to start somewhere. And Indiana is virgin territory in this respect.

You did a nice job with your Botryococcus paper in Micropaleontology. Thanks for the reprint. Incidentally, do you have any "throw-away" slides of this material that I might scrounge off you for use in my paleobotany course? I had 11 students enrolled in this course last semester, which was pretty good for a start. By contrast, Arnold had only 4!

The heck with a strip mine golf course---I'll settle for a place to swim and fish! Regards,

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
Jim.