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17 December, 1988

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Starr Biostrat Services
P.O. Box 2467
Humble, TX 77347

Dear Fritz:

We have been much preoccupied lately--partly because of my father-in-law's death on 22 November. End of Semester, end of year and (ugh!) holiday matters haven't helped.

Thus, I've only just now opened your 18 November item re your business interests. It's of course too late, but in any event professors these days barely have enough \$ to buy necessities--none left over for investments. In brief, I couldn't have taken part. Your idea sounds very good, providing you have enough time to take care of the business--you have a lot of axes in the fire.

Best wishes, old friend.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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(713) 441-4440

The Anaripa Corporation, d.b.a. Starr Stratigraphic Services Inc. & Starr Biostrat.

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18 November 1986

Dr. A. Traverse
Department of Geosciences
Penn State Univ
435 Deike Bldg
University Park PA 16802

Dear Al:

Years ago I decided not to get stuck with a one-crop economy and as you may know, besides geological consulting (PALINOLOGIA, in Casablanca, Madrid, and Amsterdam; STARR BIOSTRAT, in Houston), I became part owner of agricultural and vitivinicolar businesses in Spain, Morocco, and Portugal. While geological consulting is, at this time, not a terribly profitable business, my Spanish business, the manufacturing of fine wine, cordials, liqueurs, and also many varieties of con- and preserves, is going quite well.

This is especially so now that we have integrated our century old processes with modern technology brought from the U.S. For the past eight years we have been selling our production in the Spanish tourist areas. With Spain's recent joining the Common Market, we are now successfully penetrating the European markets as well. We will also gradually enter the U.S. market.

The first step will be the occupation of a trading niche I have discovered in the U.S. market which though as yet uncolonized nevertheless appears very profitable. Now is the perfect time to capitalize on the collector's items market. Just think of its pleasant characteristics: it tends to remain unsaturated so long as different unique products are available to the collector¹. Moreover, the mark of the true collector is that he is willing to fork over his hard-earned money again and again if he can get a series of truly unique items. But most importantly, we know from our research that our target customers have the money to satisfy their desires.

We have exclusive access to a supply of unique merchandise to last for at least seven years of operation; it can be brought into the U.S. -- we have established the method; and we have designed a marketing scheme which is difficult if not impossible to duplicate, clone, or imitate.

We will take advantage of this business opportunity through the formation of a Limited Partnership. The Partnership must necessarily commence its business in the first week of January, 1987. We have chosen a Limited Partnership because it is an ideal business vehicle. According to legal counsel a Limited Partnership (established in accordance with the 1986 U.S. tax laws) is the

PALYNOLOGY, MICROPALAEONTOLOGY, KEROGEN, OIL & GAS WINDOW, Acritarchs, Chitinozoans, Conodonts, Dinoflagellates, Exudite, Exudite Thermal Alteration Index, Foraminifera, Infrared Properties of Kerogen, Kerogen Facies, Kerogen Types, Micropaleontology, Miospores, Paleoburial Depth, Palynofacies, Palynology, Palynomorph Color Index, Pollen, Ro Equivalent, Rock-Eval Pyrolysis, Source Rock, Spore/Pollen Coloration Index, Thermal Alteration Index, Tmax Equivalent, TOC.

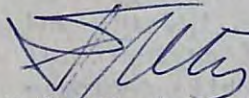
best road to follow for the successful implementation of our plan for the type of business we are contemplating.

Through the placement of up to thirty Interests of twenty-five hundred dollars each, up to twenty-five Limited Partners can participate. We estimate that the twenty-five hundred dollars Partnership Interest will be amortized at the end of the second year of the Partnership's operation. For other projected pay-outs, please see line 3.1.5. of Table III in the enclosed material.

As with any investment in a business venture, there are risks. But we have done our homework: we know the merchandise, the market, and the method of importation and distribution.

If you are interested in learning more of the Limited Partnership Interests, please call 713/441-4440 and we'll send you the prospectus². You must do so before 1 December 1986 which is our deadline for placing this offering in the hands of our salespersons.

Best wishes,



Fritz H. Cramer Diez

This may sound too good to be true. But it's true. Reason: like the angiosperms we've found a niche without competitors.

1. One example of a collector's item is a maximum of fourteen hundred bottles of forty-year-old brandy. The number of 'antique' liquor collectors in the U.S. is estimated at fifteen thousand. Not only do we have exclusive access to brandies and liqueurs as old as seventy-five years, we also can obtain several other kinds of collector's items -- all of them unique, and all of them being collected in the U.S. by affluent collectors. The record over the past fifty years that sales figures are available, shows that the collecting of unique items expressed in reported sales by affluent collectors is not demonstrably affected by the vagaries of the economy.

2. This announcement is under no circumstances to be construed as an offer to sell or as a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Limited Partnership Interests. The offering is made only by the delivery of an Offering Memorandum in a manner which meets the requirements of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and under the securities laws and regulations applicable to limited offerings of securities in the States where offerees receiving the Memorandum reside.

IBERIA TRADING ASSOCIATION, LTD. is to be a Texas Limited Partnership to be formed for the purpose of marketing, selling, and distributing unique collectors item merchandise in the United States of America, under the exclusive license right from BERNESGA, a Spanish Operating Partnership which, under an exclusive franchise agreement, will supply the merchandise to the Partnership.

A maximum of \$75,000.00 of Limited Partnership Interests of thirty Units of \$2,500.00 each, will be offered on a best efforts, twenty-five Units or none, basis, to a maximum of twenty-five qualified prospective investors.

The offering will be conducted as a Private Placement of Securities. The Units will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the securities laws of any State.

The marketing by IBERIA TRADING ASSOCIATES of the merchandise supplied by BERNESGA will be on the basis of an average of three new collectors items per year -- this corresponds to a market saturation of less than five percent. At this time there are no competitors offering these items. Furthermore, the marketing method to be implemented is, in essence, not presently being used in the Partnership's target areas. The ratio of target population/total population and the size of the target populations within the target areas is sufficient to project a strong base for the successful marketing of the merchandise in the period from 1987 through 1991, even if competitors successfully imitate the Partnership's marketing method, or duplicate the Partnership's merchandise -- both of which we consider highly unlikely.

From 1988, a good percentage of return customers can be expected.

Profits and losses of IBERIA TRADING ASSOCIATION will be allocated, 90 percent to the Limited Partners and 10 percent to General Partner. The participation of the Limited Partners in Partnership profits, losses, deductions, and distributions, ('Pay Out') will be apportioned among the Limited Partners in accordance with their respective original contributions.

This announcement is under no circumstances to be construed as an offer to sell or as a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Limited Partnership Interests. The offering is made only by the Prospectus to which it relates.

IBERIA TRADING ASSOCIATION, LTD.

TABLE I

PROJECTED PROFITS AND LOSSES. December-1986-dollars

Period Ending:	1987 01/31-12/31	1988 12/31	1989 12/31	1990 12/31	1991 12/31
1.0.1. Beginning Cash	0	9,791	0	0	0
1.1.2. Gross Revenues (Second Cycle Rev. Excluded)	399,840	599,760	599,760	599,760	599,760
1.1.3. Operating Expenses	-304,664	-456,996	-456,996	-456,996	-456,996
1.1.4. Office Expenses 7.5% x 1.1.3.	-22,850	-34,275	-34,275	-34,275	-34,275
1.1.5. Franchise Payments	-19,288	-28,432	-28,432	-28,432	-28,432
1.2.1. Subtotal (Cash Available)	53,038	89,848	80,057	80,057	80,057
1.2.2. Manager's Fee 15% x 1.2.1.	-7,956	-13,477	-12,009	-12,009	-12,009
1.3.1. Proceeds from Offering	75,000				
1.3.2. (Commissions)	-7,500				
1.3.3. (Offering Expenses)	-2,500				
1.3.4. (Permanent Franchise, 1987)	-2,500				
1.4.1. Office Expenses (1.1.4.,prev.yr)		22,850	34,275	34,275	34,275
1.4.2. Inventory Financing (1.5.1.,prev.yr)		75,000	100,000	120,000	120,000
1.4.3. Operating Reserve (1.5.3.,prev.yr)	0	15,000	15,000	20,000	25,000
1.5.1. Inventory Financing	-75,000	-100,000	-120,000	-120,000	-140,000
1.5.2. Amortization of Investment	0	-30,000	-30,000	-15,000	0
1.5.3. Operating Reserve	-15,000	-15,000	-20,000	-25,000	-30,000
1.6.1. Avail for Distrib to Partners ^a	17,582	44,221	47,323	82,323	77,323
1.6.2. Limited Partners, 90% x 1.6.1. ^a	8,812	39,798	42,590	74,091	69,591
1.6.3. General Partner, 10% x 1.6.1. ^a	979	4,422	4,732	8,232	7,732
1.7.1. Ending Cash, Excl. Op. Res (1.5.3.)	9,791	0	0	0	0

^a. Allotment of Funds Available for Distribution to Partners in 1987 only: Limited Partners, 45% of 1.6.1.; General Partner, 5% of 1.6.1.; 50% of funds in line item 1.6.1. allocated to financing of 1988 operations. Allotment of Funds Available for Distribution to Partners after 1987 as indicated in Table.

TABLE II

PROJECTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT, December-1986-Dollars

Period Ending:	1987 01/31-12/31	1988 12/31	1989 12/31	1990 12/31	1991 12/31
2.1.1. Gross Proceeds from Offering	75,000				
2.2.1. Amortization (1.5.2.)	0	30,000	30,000	15,000	0
2.3.1. Available for Distrib (1.6.1.)	17,582	44,221	47,323	82,323	77,323
2.3.2. To General Partner (1.6.3.)	979	4,422	4,732	8,232	7,732
2.3.3. To Limited Partners (1.6.2.)	8,812	39,798	42,591	74,091	69,591
2.4.1. Amortization + Cash to Lim. Part.	8,812	69,798	72,591	89,091	69,591

TABLE III

PROJECTED RETURN^a ON ONE INVESTMENT UNIT, December-1986-Dollars

Period Ending:	1987 01/31-12/31	1988 12/31	1989 12/31	1990 12/31	1991 12/31
3.1.1. Cost of One Unit	\$ 2,500				
3.1.2. To Limited Partners (1.6.2.)	294	1,327	1,420	2,470	2,320
3.1.3. Amortization (1.5.2.)	0	1,000	1,000	500	0
3.1.4. Amortization + Cash to Lim. Part.	294	2,327	2,420	2,970	2,320
3.1.5. Cumulative Amort. + Cash to Lim. P.	294	2,621 ^a PAYBACK	5,041	8,011	10,321

^a. Line 3.1.5., second column. Payback projected at the end of the second year after the beginning of Limited Partnership's operations.

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13 February 1985.

Dr. A. Traverse,
Department of Geosciences,
Pennsylvania State University,
University Park PA 16802,
U.S.A.

Dear Al:

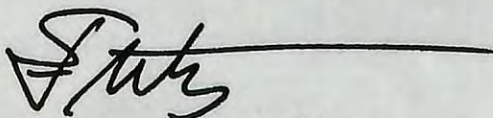
Look, I have been busy with Starr Inc., and then with a number of drilling wells. Which explains the delay in the answer to your letter of 16 November 1984.

The lady is Carmina. The exact data are: María del Carmen R. Díez (or, alternately, Carmina Díez), Fritz H. Cramer, & Pólvora. The place is a path in the 1,200-tree apple-orchard around Carmina's and my summerhome in León, Spain; the date is 10 August 1984. The shotgun is a Mosberg, 12 gauge, gun (also called a riot gun). The trees are japanese plums ('claudia', in Spanish); the dog's name is 'pólvora' (which does not mean gun-powder, but 'little wolf' -- the word is an old Spanish name still used in the area where Carmina is from; Pólvora is 4 years old and is the top dog of the pack. The knife through my head (which is difficult to see, I am afraid) is the very sharp 4K-Solingen butchering knife which we use to knock pigs off with.

Letters are used by our (i.e., my mother's) tribe; the script used be written from right to left, and is not terribly efficient to write zee eenglee weeth. The direction of writing was changed in the late nineteenth century. The panpizza does not inspire great admiration for his scholarship: there are still many hundreds of thousands of folks who routinely use this script.

Please give my regards to Betty.

Sincerely yours,



F. H. Cramer Diez.

FHC:hbl

→ *Handwritten text in modern script:*
F. H. Cramer Diez
Handwritten text in old script:
F. H. Cramer Diez

Corresp.

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer (& María de Carmen R. Díez
Rodríguez)

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26, 2, 33, 34, ⁽²⁾35, ⁽²⁾36, ⁽²⁾37, 38, 39, 41, 42

See over for Spanish form add.

4 February, 1985

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
P.O. Box 38114-443
Houston, TX 77238

Dear Fritz:

You rascal--I now have to make another address-card for you. You are now a 3-card man here, tied for the world record.

I worry about the Diez. I want to follow your wishes. If you hyphenated it: Cramer-Diez, they'd still file you under "C" in America, but here without the hyphen you'll end up as "Fritz H.C. Diez", without a doubt.

My Slavic-Baltic languages expert astonished me by striking out on your oddball script. They had a conference on it in the department and could only cluck-cluck.

Your request for reprints is embarrassing. I guess you must be referring to the Wilson, Traverse etc. paper. Bobby Wilson was a talented lad who had a great thesis on the subject you outline 90% done--palynology great. Then his wife browbeat him into leaving--suddenly--for more lucrative employment--and he hasn't been seen since. Letters are returned, etc. Sad. Slides gone, samples gone, all gone. As far as I can tell, the abstract you probably saw in the whole ball of wax. Maybe some day when I'm retired I could reconstruct it all from my memories of the field work with B.W. Professional work can be frustrating.

Rest assured, you're on all my lists, except black and s---.

Regards to Carmina.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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25 January 1985

Dr. A. Traverse,
Department of Geosciences,
Pennsylvania State University,
University Park PA 16802,
U.S.A.

Dear Al:

Carmina and I would very much appreciate it if you would send us a reprint of your paper:

Palynological delineation of the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian unconformity in west-central Pennsylvania.

Carmina and I have now reconstructed the Paleozoic portion of our firebombed library (which is now safely back in the U.S.) and we would like to keep our library up to date. If there is anything I could reciprocate with (not: our own reprints because they were destroyed when the scum burnt down my storehouse in Leon), please tell me what.

Should you be in the Humble area, please give us a call and come visit with us.

Though I am presently a bit out of Silurian and Ordovician palynostratigraphy, Carmina and I will publish a real magnum opus on our fourteen years (forty man-years) of proprietary mission-oriented palynological exploration work for two major energy companies -- who just now have kindly given us permission to go on a supervanity and ego trip and publish the background and general ways we figured out on how to discover hydrocarbon **reservoir** sequences. (Incidentally, the group of consultants we formed part of until quite recently, **did** discover four quite large fields. With 'predictive geochemical palynology' -- which are methods that have, to our knowledge, never been published on, nor will they be published if we can help it. It is also the proceeds from our p.g.p.-idea which used to set up our own business here in Humble).

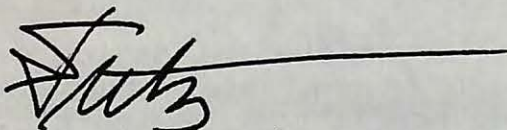
Its going to be a large paper and I'll send you a copy whenever we get it published. Please keep me on all kinds of mailing lists.

Would you also make a note of Carmina's and my new mailing address:

Carmen Diez Rodriguez,
Fritz H. Cramer Diez,
P.O. Box 38114-443,
Houston TX 77238,
U.S.A.

Best wishes,

STARR STRATIGRAPHIC SERVICES INC.



F.H. Cramer Diez.

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(have you discovered anything about
the funny script?)

16 November, 1984

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Starr Stratigraphic Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 2467
Humble, TX 77347

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for the photos, just now arrived. I take it that the very attractive lady is Carmina, but would hate to make a mistake on that! I only met her once, at least 16 years ago. I'd also like the exact place and date where and when photo was taken, please. Please send more info.

I still haven't heard back from my Slavic languages expert--I gather that is the "pan-pizza" to whom you refer. He's about as opposite to FC as possible (i.e., he's colorless).

Sorry I offended S. Jacobson, if I did. Funny, I have a letter in same mail from him, saying how nice it was to seemme in Calgary, etc., etc.--not a word about the Barghoorn article--pretty treacherous. I simply wrote a balanced view, from my perspective, and I guess it was successful as a literary piece, because everybody has an opinion. Unfortunately the AASP Newsletter screwed it up a bit, by leaving out a big section that was intended to balance some of the negative things. They also omitted one of my illustrations and made a flock of typos. Your judgment without seeing it is better than Jacobson's--it isn't that negative--much of it is in fact adulatory. It was not labelled a "eulogy".

Greetings to Carmina.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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P.S. Latest--answer from Slavic specialist enclosed. Hmmm.

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September 27, 1984

→ 27 October 84

sent it to be developed
but pictures for 'delayed'

Prof. Dr. A. Traverse,
Geosciences,
Penn State University,
435 Deike Bldg.,
University Park, PA 16802.

Dear Al:

Two 5x7 pictures enclosed; I hope they can be made do for the magnum opus. Should you need the negatives, please call Mike at the number in the letterhead or at 713/446-6246.

I'll be out of phone reach until late October and will call you then. Incidentally, what did your pan pizza discover?

What did you do to Steve Jacobson? He went on and on about how horrible some kind of eulogy was you had written. I neither know the eulogy nor the eulogee but knowing you it can't be all that bad.

Give my regards to Betty.

Best wishes,



Fritz H. Cramer

FHC/acl

Air Mail



Air Mail



Air Mail



I am sure a rubber stamp maker can make a stamp from this imprint.

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F. Chamber

Oct. 21

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use this
not my
Spanish address

4 September 1987.

Dear Al~~g~~ and Betty:

I am neither subtle nor pull someones leg very often. When I pull, I pull it out, and throw it away. Why this letter? 1 To ~~show~~ ^{confirm} that I'll send you ~~the~~ picture(s), 2 To show that this script ~~is~~ is normally used by a relatively large group of people including me.

> For your pau-slave: (like pau-pizza?) alphabet has 42 letters + 6 vowel and consonant-conditioning signs (like " = double, or " = e (soft), or " = oo (soft) + 18 number signs. ~~it's~~ it's a cross between german, cyrillic, and some letters/signs I don't know where from.

> Our tribe has a dated, genuine, record of (the year) 908. Language is mixture of jidish, old spanish, russian et al, turkish et al. I still understand some, but don't speak, my parents used to speak this rather than any other language.

I'll tell you ~~to~~ someday more about it all.

F. 

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It is not a very efficient way of writing, it is difficult to read, but in our schools in Brasil, the State of Washington, and in Zuid Afrika which we finance entirely, we insist that the hope of continuity knows the script, reads the scrolls, and speaks seven languages. Or be thrown out. Irremediably.

As to the picture fetish of the rumanis, I believe that there is something about pride, lack of respect, and statutes and images in the book the christians (or rumanis, in our lingo) say they live by. If you cannot find it, I maybe will show you where.

For your pictures, I have done the next best thing. As you may know I have a nice orchard, my joy and back-breaking pride. It is the one green spot in the semidesert of the High Meseta. I make no direct profit from it (except working hard and not going fat), for all profits from the fruit and the booze I distill go to (a) the Wiesenthal Foundation, (b) a very specific charity.

The pictures show green plums or pears or apples, plus me. Should the pictures be unacceptable, so be it. After all, my very big house is almost invisible from the road, it is ugly outside, you cannot look into it (bought some of this stick on mirror-like heat insulation which serves a purpose 3M has not figured out yet -- ostentation: no. We dress very modestly unless the opposite is needed to sell something. But half of what I earn goes to a certain charity. And even though I will be now in the U.S. for about 6 months a year, I will not change my way. All this is to tell you why you won't get my picture posing behind an aximat. This is for your information only. Do not quote.

Greetings to Betty; the best of luck with your book. I won't make it to Washington for it coincides with a consulting contract in southern Africa.

Fritz Cranner
(or Fritz Cranner)

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14 October 1983

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Dear Al:

Thank you for your letter of 23 August, and reprint list, which arrived here today. Yes, today. The fourteenth of October. Probably got here by herring.

reprint

Stuff sent to my address at Farmers Branch TX (now Dallas TX and everybody apparently very angry about that -- but what's in a name. Mine used to be MRKaDeR, the scrawl in the margin of this epistle shows the original script, and was changed to Cramer, rather translated for in the language my grandparents and more or less my parents as well, used to speak; mercader means the same as cramer: someone who buys & sells from a cart. But the change of name did not do much to keep us out of the soap and fertilizer factory of Mr Schickelgruber. So Farmers Branch is still the same, or so it would appear to me. Anacoluthon. .. Branch TX is periodically forwarded by Del Potter to a safe address in Spain where I pick it up. Also periodically. So, occasionally my shaffrad (or Spanish) correspondence is out of phase with my zjdid-bait (or new country) correspondence. Why not use my spik address if I am still there? Two reasons. I am going to resettle in States; lots of mail ripped off in jollie espayne. Kind of normal custom. Characteristic of the country which has given the world the names and concepts of: marrano; auto-da-fé; inquisición; mestizo; geto (not really from Spain, from Lisbon which is close enough); negro; casta; discriminación; rota; etc. etc. etc. Once you start on it, it's an unexhaustable list. Now, I cannot answer your question: have I received them. Nor will I be able to until back from trip mid November. Lots of mail arrived, but is unopened for I have not been able to get to it (see next story). And tomorrow take zee beeg boyd out of this lee-own and see if I can make some consulting off the Algerian state oil monopoly. From there to San Francisco. Where I hope to see you/y'all.

Next story. Have been in North Africa and got dysentery. Same I got and survived in Birkenau, so aptly constructed by messrs Speer & Eichman for the unending delight of the stockholders of the CBS Holocaust Tearjerker. Money is money. We were quite disgusted about it all. Not about the schmerzlappe/smartlap. But about the

profits CBS made out of it, and specifically the fact that hardly more than a token tip going to the anonymous actors (you know for the couleur local and contemporization parts filmed on location in Birkenau by those marvelous guys like the ilk of werner von braun or H.R.H. the prince of the netherlands -- I mean those great law and order guys. The ess ess). Nuther anacoluthon. Today anacoluthon day. So back to dysentery. The amebal kind. Strange buggers. Carmina never got them. In fact, amebal dysentery only attacks one out of fifteen persons, and only, or almost only, people with A or AB blood, is what they tell me. Moreover, you really have to get living amebe strain-d carrying shit or other inoculant into your mouth (this is so cute with spik klop-pers licking their fingers when they count money -- disgusting habit). On the other hand, once amebes encysted you can eat tons of shit with them in it and not getting dysentery. They are very hostspecific. Its the original carrier who has to activate them first before they can become virulent again. And no-one knows how thats done. Agreed on letting them take tons of blood, lymph, intestine biopsy samples (through your arse -- nice, meanwhile makes you get a semi-hard on and come), stomach biopsy (though your mouth -- not so pleasant, hurts. Insist on cleaning the catheter first. Its so lumpy otherwise) for some outfit in Atlanta who are trying to discover (1) what makes the encysted bug excyst & multiply to form a; (2) what makes form a change your immune system so that it can change to form b; (3) what makes form b change into the virulent form c (makes carrier ill, but is not contagious), (4) what makes form c change immune system which permits c to convert to d, which is contagious to about 1 out of 15 A, or AB. So I am full of needle holes. Make me look like a junkie. Costs a fortune.

that At any rate, North Africa full amebal dysentery. Had hped if the centuries of sling shit have caused any lasting adaptation on the folks who live there. Like, for example a grapefruit sized anal sphincter. See, if all goes wrong and I have to give up palynology -- which may well happen -- I may just bring a bunch of amebal ayrubs with me and set up a gay whorehouse in sanfrancisco. I can just see the lines and lines of queers trying to get a shot at them. Fritzes grapefruit bar. Or have them kneel and use them for molds for those things you flop up and down to unclog drains with. I mean those rubber cones with a handle on them. Like the popes jamulke but with a handle. Still better than the girl I have seen perform in private. And even here in this sodden city of lee-own. I swear that its true. This is a girl who is able to pick up a pecan from the seat of a chair with wet paint on it, without getting her ass cheeks painted (and not using hands either). This is the absolute ultimate I have seen. So, there are still moments of joy in this vale where were hauling our crosses uphill.

Your luckee.

Never trust communists.

Their bastids. Cost us a fortune to get whats left of our family out of the woykuhs perridayze & into capitalist murreeka. In fact \$15,000 per man, and -- surprise -- \$55,000 per women of childbearing age. Is were most of our concentration camp reparation money was spent on. Indirectly on supporting the despicable Cause of the Woykuhs of all Kapitalist Kuntries shed youse chains. Well they can keep it. Another anacoluthon. But this one even worse than the first onese. For its a break in train of thought. Loosing marbles.

Best wishes to you & Betty

23 August, 1983

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Apartado 543
León, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Yours of 2 July was sad--but at least you and Carmina are at work reconstructing, and that is good news. "Don't cry over spilt milk" is a good proverb. But hard to ~~follow~~!

Now, about the publications. A while back I sent a batch to, per my letter to you of 4 August '82, to Farmers Branch, TX (P.O. Box 345573). Were they also destroyed? Also, I sent you recently the things you acknowledged in yours to me of 2 May '83.

I guess the best thing to do is send you the enclosed xerox of my bibliography. Could you check the items you have (I'm assuming the ones sent per the 82-V-4 letter reached you, but I didn't keep a record of what they were) and return to me? Then we'll take it from there.

Current news here: grad student, Duck Choi, got his Ph.D. (Cretaceous-Paleogene) and is back in Korea. Post-doc Karmen Moy goes to Strasbourg, France, for a year in September. I have two new doctoral candidates, seven in all.

All the best to Carmina.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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2 July 1983.

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Dear Al:

After three hard years, Carmina and I are back again doing paly-nology. It has been, and probably will be for some time to come, a very bad war against the yapping dogs at the service of the oligarchy. The destructive war is now being fought on their territory and we are winning.

As we are progressing with the reconstruction of our looted and ransacked library, we continue finding that the damage is even worse than we had imagined. While we first believed that 'only' thirty or forty percent of our reprints had been stolen or destroyed, now that we are trying to use them, we find that the thieving lackeys to the bookburning nazi scum has left practically none (literally none) of our reprints without some leetle sign of their khomeinian culture. It must have taken several weeks to do this. And what is most maddening, it must have been done under my very own eyes without me noticing it.

Purpose of this letter. The about 1,000 reprints that deal with Lower Paleozoic palynology, all 'disappeared' from our files. The scientific torquemadas who did their pig job, knew what they were doing, because ALL our antique books (which cannot be replaced, just because they are antiques), ALL the reprints dealing with our then current research, ALL the manuscripts, etc., etc., 'are gone'. The thieves either were very lucky or know a lot about palynology and the way Carmina and I work. Strange. Not even Khomeini has destroyed scientific data. But leave it to the mangy asylvestrated runts that scurry around the oligarchy: they will destroy anything if they feel it gives them an opportunity to eat some scraps of rotting meat abandoned on the table of their fascist emulandi.

ALL the reprints of your papers have disappeared too. I have been unsuccessful in getting xeroxcopies from my Spanish colleagues. Would you please send me your papers again? Reprints or xeroxes. Please tell me the cost and I'll gladly reimburse. (You'll be thrilled to know that your work has been judged worthy of destruction by the scientific terrorists. Quite an honor). please tell me cost, etc., and I'll send you check.

Incidentally and continuing in a more happy tone, here is some terribly pleasing tidbit of news, unrelated with the previous part of my letter, about my grate and faithful doctoral student and employee at the Institute I used to direct until April 1979 when I was framed and fired. I am of course referring to Dr. María Amor Fombella, co-author of Carmina and me on several papers on Cambrian and Silurian stuff and whose Master's and Doctoral thesis I have directed. If not from her papers, you'll remember Dr. Fombella from the printed letter she used to send around telling you all how I was fired, and how all kinds of things had disappeared from my/her Institute.

We were not terribly pleased with Dr. Fombella's literary efforts on our behalf. Last year we were finally in a position to bring criminal charges against her. After all, one good turn deserves another, does not it? With the defeat in the last elections of the successors of the late Mr. Franco's fascist rule, things seem to be changing in Spain, for, when the local Criminal Court once again had refused to act on charges and evidence presented by us, the partly renewed Territorial Court ordered Dr. Fombella's trial, having found apparent evidence tending to prove the commission of certain felonies against us. (This is the same evidence we had submitted to the local Criminal Court). Dr. Fombella is presently free on an unusually large bail pending her trial. It was worthwhile to stay and fight back. In Spanish this is called 'dar la vuelta a la tortilla'.

In short: would you please send me your reprints? If there is anything I can reciprocate with, please don't hesitate to ask me. Best wishes,

Fritz H. Cramer



Fritz H. Cramer.

2 May 1983.

Dr. A. Traverse,
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U.S.A.

Dear Al:

Thank you very much for the reprints of your recent papers:

1. Response of world vegetation to Neogene tectonic and climatic events.
2. Review of Madeleine Van Campo's paper.
3. The Upper Triassic fern *Phlebopteris smithii* (Daugerty) Arnold and its spores.

We are very glad to have them not only because they are good papers -- as always -- but also because they help us reconstruct our destroyed files with the new, corroborated known data, and of course with the new data you provide. Reading your papers we cannot help noticing what we had begun to fear: how far we have gotten behind in the the three years we were forced to spend waste first with legal battles and later with trying to rebuild what had been destroyed.

At any rate, we have started again doing some real palynology. At the moment we are redoing the very large chitinozoan and acritarch file we used to have before its destruction by the scientific terrorists and which included more twenty years of work by both Carmina and me. We have now completed 'species folders' on about 600 chitinozoans and 250 acritarchs. By december we hope to have the chitinozoans complete again (about 1,250 taxa) and to be far along with the acritarchs (estimate, about 3,000 taxa). By which time we will begin to publish a couple of small well documented papers on incredibly well preserved microplankton from North Africa.

Thanks again for your reprints. To avoid any possibility that correspondence meant for us does not reach us in Leon, please use these addresses:

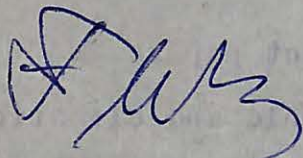
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Our very best wishes,



Fritz H. Cramer.

27 August, 1982

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
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5-8D
León, Spain

Dear Federico:

Got your handwritten letter of 18 August, 1982. As you said in your closing, it is interesting to have a graphological sample of your handwriting. I really am filled with sorrow about the loss of so much of your and Carmina's work. Perhaps when things have simmered down a bit you will after all be able to reconstruct parts of it. Potonia always said that that's what he did with his turmal system. He had it all written up while a Russian prisoner, and they confiscated the manuscripts when they released him, but he was able in less time than would otherwise have been the case to put it together again. I recognize the difficulty of getting in the right mood to do it, however, as you say. There's no chance of answering your letter in anything like the detail that you wrote me. I just wanted to assure you that I had read it sympathetically and do indeed look forward to seeing you again one of these days.

All the best to you and Carmina.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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P.S. I am dictating this letter electronically for Betty to type, because one of my former students finally enticed me into visiting a quarry which he thought would interest me, and I had a serious spill and broke parts of my right hand. The orthopedic surgeon assures me I should have full use of it when everything heals. What is especially annoying is that it was a total waste of time. The outcrops were all slumped and probably not interesting in the first place. It made me wonder if my former student remembered anything about what I taught him so many years ago.

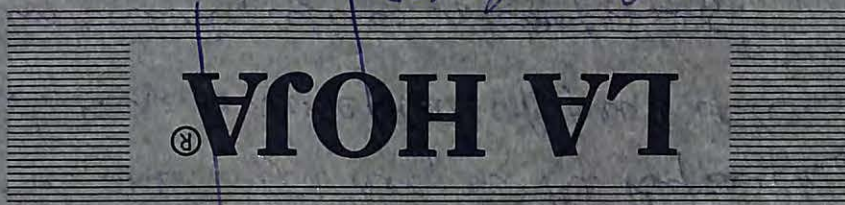
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C.N. - 630 (CARRETERA DE ASTURIAS)

Dear Al: Thank you for your letter of 4 August. You're
right. We are aware of the fact that the very next morning of
our friends don't give a shit about what happens for (a)
it doesn't affect them directly (b) they think it cannot happen
to them. There's on both counts, but that's their history. The
intuitive reason behind 'our copy' is not at all as clear for
comparison. In the contrary, we've given it a lot of thought
and finally decided to hand out 'the copy' (a very good word,
incidentally) in order to do upon the inspirations of the Science
community (what they've done to us. That is, to learn from
And even though we've waited for years before getting
off the campaign, believe me, which many paleontologists
may doubt my polyphony (they are wrong of course), no one
can doubt my own efficiency. And the inspirations of the
Science community are now making that they have learned
to increase seeds. In their own yards. While the question
arises. Why do anything at all? Two reasons. First
one, they really have fucked me out of a lot of commodity
contracts. How? Just examine the latest effort of my
patent for starting on my behalf. I cannot imagine how
anyone can accept this trash as 'profit', but we have
discovered that we - unlike - the Scandinavians / Libelans
letter is worth more than 20 years of successful contracts.
Reason 1B is that our competence had been introduced
? / 'moral', and that we wanted that stopped.

18 August 1982

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The second and much more important reason is that a legal or shall I say realistic one. You see, in the Byzantine Spanish system of 'justice', there is some kind of principle to the effect that 'who remains silent, agrees or confesses'. (El que se calla asienta) Don't forget that Spain has no:
① habeas corpus ② Protection from self-incrimination and
③ the accused must show his ^{involuntary} innocence. Now, at this time we are preparing what hopefully will be the last, decisive legal battle against the oligarchy for ① slander ② libel ③ perjury ④ false accusation ⑤ false (intent of) arrest ⑥ illegal confiscation of property ⑦ conspiracy to defraud (me, out of my funds fee for the U^{23P}/235) and several more crimes. Had I not reacted against the Leonese publicity, ^(the publicity) it could have been adduced as proof against me. However, now that we have sent several hundred copies around, ^{they get mad and try to) pin me for libel so they} they must prove their allegations in the publicity, which they cannot because there are no such proofs, and thereby - that is by being unable to make their allegations true - they admit guilt. As the statute of limitation ran out the 29th of July, we had to do this in June. It was sent from WY because of that state's peculiar libel laws. So there is a lot more in the Rock Springs copy than meets the eye. Regarding ^{practical} help, from anyone. Not alone from friends, family. Except for good words, none whatsoever. And in Spain less than anywhere. 40 years of Franco has left its traces. Furthermore, the honorable Hurtado is brother in law of the two but last president of Spain (also known as 'the butcher of the basks) and Spiks (o tal vez everybody) has the disgusting habit to rally around the oligarchy like yapping, wowing ~~to~~ as yvestrated dogs who

roam around killing anything that moves. But their ~~the~~ teeth are rotting, and they ~~kill~~ ^{can only} because they are many and come from the back. But they cannot even eat their prey. So after their killing they're still hungry and crawl on their scabious bellies to the table the oligarchy whose hands they lick with their maggoty tongues hoping to pick up a scrap of feed the oligarchy does not want. In other words, when we needed help we got none. Just as the good Germans did not see the Jews being slaughtered, the good Spiks did not see the evidence that proved how we were being fucked over. Now, that we have moved out of the local judiciary and are winning in the Supreme and Constitutional Courts (won 4 lost 1, 4 pending), ^{some of} the same folks who perjured themselves in their testimony against me (for which I almost (really almost) ended up in Spanish jail for up to 20 years), I say the same folks now offer to 'tell the truth' (if I drop the complaint of perjury). But we do not need their 'true' testimony and ⑤ I am a firm believer of the eye & eye principle. Yes, Carmens parents are well off. They are very old. And they are much less well off than the oligarchy (Sp. olig. owns 93% of EVERYTHING ^{SPANISH} and forms less than 0.8% of the nation. During Franco, they owned about 80%. So, democracy has helped them make real progress).

A pity to miss you in Dublin. I'll be in the States in March or April. & on way back mite try to stop at P. State. Though its out of the way.

I am looking forward to receiving your replies from Farmington Branch. The system is slow and a bit bothersome, but at least it guarantees that my mail won't be 'lost'.

At this time, I am extracting from my database the very precise copy of about 4,000 entries and chitinous 'taxa', plus about 1000 headstems through section slips. There is nothing like it. Its the base of our consulting (I'll pay for my summer house) I'd love to publish it. But I have to eat, so I send the

into to an oil company. Incidentally, when going through the data in our bank, and comparing it with published literature (including my own) I cannot help wondering why 90% or more of published list is so chronologically inaccurate and why the 'three dimensional' accounts are so inconsistent.

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few exceptions, published list never tells you anything about the intra-^{linear} account. Why? It is not that the boundaries of the account. Why? It is not that difficult to work with a large % of data points or series. I am really sorry I cannot afford to publish it. (The

still the total is 5,000 x 4 or 5 layers = 20,000 layers with about 6,000 illustrations (48 man-years of consulting). But who, except me, can pay for the sale of the exclusive copyright and who can pay for the information. Certainly not a university. So, however

sorry I am to not be able to make myself immortal through the vanity press, the profits cannot be to live during the suits, to start again PALLINOLOGIA, and to transfer back to the U.S. (in 1986).

* Databank. Our databank (of which we sold only 30% of the interval mi€ through Emsian) fills about 60 high density big computer tapes. Most of which we kept in a bank vault. But the few⁽⁶⁾ that were in my office just before I got fired, appear to have been accidentally demagnetized by persons unknown. So it is, that all of our Mediterranean Albian through Paleocene is gone forever. ~~How~~ Our N Afr. Triassic is kaput. But luckily the demagged tapes were almost all quite empty. And the other tapes are still good. So, we still have € through Permian complete, Jurassic, Eocene. Which is, I am almost certain, the biggest privately owned databank east of the Mid Atlantic ridge.

Our library was destroyed almost entirely. ^{about 3 m³ including binders. And I no one has noticed anything. Strange.} Not entries have suffered some damage (summary cards + ~~to~~ id. gone, plates gone etc). About 2,000 items were lost altogether. But we've received a lot of helpⁱⁿ getting the library re-structured. We are ^{still} looking for about 200 items. And of course its maddening to see xerox copies where we used to have originals with the author's dedications.

Early next year I will be able to afford again to do some non-commercial work. I may pick Venezuelan € or Egyptian Ordovician. Both of which are bogootiful.

As to Palmología: the entire text^{for vol 2} was edited and had been entered on tape. Tape was accidentally demagged, neither original text nor plates 'can be found' ~~back~~. Same story for the next two volumes of the Eismack Catalog (about 1500 entries). Everything gone: all my line-

N.7 even the secretaries who did ^{strangely enough, nobody seems to remember having seen it.} ~~typify~~. They just ~~cannot~~ remember.
line drawings, the manuscript, the tapes, the translated literature, an entire file cabinet of notes. Even its existence has been denied. Well, I guess that that's the end for the Eismack Catalog. I simply don't have any longer the mental elasticity to start again this labor of love. Besides, I cannot afford it.

So, even if we win in the courts, which no seems unavoidable - safe for an 'amnestia' by the king, and they are trying for that, but are unlikely to succeed - these terrorists will still have won. For, even though we stand to get a reasonably large indemnization, and even though the perjurers will end up in jail, they 'have destroyed' 12 man years ⁽⁶⁺⁶⁾ of scientific work (scientific as opposed to consulting). And there is no way to get that back. We finally, after 3 solid years, had ^{finished} ~~got~~ a beautiful ms on the Westphalian A-C of N Spain, Morocco Algeria. About 50 plates. To be published in Palaeontographica. Everything gone: analysis, slides, ms, plates, graphs. Everything. It's impossible to get again the samples, let alone find the time and the mood to do the work again. You see, those mother-fuckers really have assassinated our hobby. What's left now are ~~our~~ our jobs. I will use the same words as Germanicus when speaking about his stay in Spain: "It was not worth it."

I thought I'd see y'all in Dubl. / But since you're not going, here is a sample of my handwriting. For the graphologist.
and would have told you this.

Best wishes

Federic



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Dear Sirs,

I have recently your letters on the 16th of March and the 12 th of April 1982. In return, I am writing to give you a complete and truthful evaluation of the five years I have worked and been an acquaintance of the person in question.

He was employed by contract by the Caja de A-horros y Monte de Piedad de León in January 1975, in order to construct the Centre and also to prepare and teach the special field of study to students with degrees who had been awarded grants. These at the same time, would also be preparing themselves for the doctorate. In order to acheive this, the organization provided both technical and bibliographical help by means of subscriptions to all specialized publications, financing a considerable interchange of reprints.

All went well until the organization became aware of a series of irregularities - in particular , financial. Upon this, an attempt was made to investigate the situation and demand explanations . The person in question emphatically refused to co-operate. This marked the beginning of a tense relationship between this man and C.A.M.P.L.A. who had every right to demand explanations about the rather confused circumstances in which the Centre then operated.

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Please note the following in answer to your questions:

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- 1) The person in question does not have a good relationship with the staff of the Centre, nor with me as Operations Director. The situation is the complete opposite since even after two years he still wrote letters etc. confusing the staff and investigators of our special field of study, who are not really aware of the truth of the situation.
- 2) The internal finances of the centre were not administered by him. He used an annual budget justifying expenses with bills. With regard the external finances, I have already explained about the project N.º in this case, he never offered any kind of explanation.
- 3) In the task of maintaining the centre, he was very efficient and careful, in the same way as he was very careful to make material disappear when he was dismissed.
- 4) Regarding the scientific quality of his work, he offered several pieces of work and you can judge the quality for yourselves, some of them have been published in *Palinología Review*, in the extra edition and edition number one.
- 5) This question has been answered in the letter in general. If you wish to have more information about his professional and personal conduct, you may contact his previous employers. I am sure that his conduct has not altered since he was in Florida State University, the Dr. Cassidy, and in Leiden the Dr. Schalke.

The summary of our relationship with the person in question has been developed amidst suspicious circumstances, threats, and legal problems.

I hope that this letter, apart from answering your questions will help you to make a right decision for your Company. I trust that you will also keep this information strictly confidential.

Yours sincerely



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In 1978 he was granted the project n°IIIP 7730352 Of State Department with Hispanic -North American co-operation. The project was awarded a significant amount of money which he controlled exclusively. To any demand for information, he simply answered that it was "his project"- without taking into consideration the fact that he was being paid by C.A.M.P.L.A. and was thus an employee. He was the chief investigator of C.A.M.P.L.A. a position he obtained as a result of his former position in the Institution but certainly not as a result of his personal qualities.

This tense situation , together with a series of other circumstances, some of which are unknown to me, led to his dismissal as director and employee of the centre, in April 1980 and not December as you indicated in your letter to the organization. His wife was dismissed two months later, in June 1980 . Amongst other things she has no kind of qualifications, neither Spanish nor foreign. During the past two months, I can assure you that I have personally seen the library book shelves being robbed and their contents being piled up in the corridors, items of this own personal property mixed with books and reprints which were the property of the Institution, exclusively.

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[REDACTED Signature]

[REDACTED Name]
Vice-President.

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4 August, 1982

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
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Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Dear Fritz:

Yours from Rock Springs, WY, of 8 July, came here while Betty and I were in CA--I took Evitt's dino short course. Learned a lot. How we are prepping to be local host for the paleobotany meetings (AIBS, 8-13 August).

It took me a whole lunch period to get through your letter and enclosures. Too bad it all turned to worms over there. But at least you and Carmina are still together. One of the few Cramer rumors I heard was that you and she were now separated. I suppose somebody too quickly read"...the day Carmina and I were separated...." (meaning dismissed). The attitude of most people is "here today, gone tomorrow", and you would be amazed how little the world cares whether Cramer or Traverse lives or dies, let alone gets a square deal. People don't talk as much about you as you fear, tho' you are "good copy".

Sorry we missed you in PA--as you say, maybe next time. I shall have to miss AASP again--can't buzz off to Ireland in the middle of term.

I can well imagine your and Carmina's anguish at loss of your collections. I guess if I lost mine I'd just take early retirement. Most of my better reprints are already distributed, but I've made you a little packet of what I have and sent it to Farmers Branch. (The xerox machine could be of great help to you--say at USGS, Reston).

I recall that when you first went to Spain the story going around was that Carmina's family was very well off and helped you to set up in Leon--I guess that was not true. In ~~any~~ case, the whole thing is tragic because it cut off for some time the flow of your marvellous acritarch work.

Best wishes to you both.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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DPRAAB AL.DATA

ROCK SPRINGS, WY, 8 JULY 1982.

PROFESSOR DR. ALFRED TRAVERSE,
GEOSCIENCES,
435 DEIKE BUILDING,
UNIVERSITY PARK,
PENNSYLVANIA, 16802.

FRITZ H. CRAMER
P. O. BOX 345573
FARMERS BRANCH
TEXAS 75234 U.S.A.

DEAR AL:

ORIGINALLY WE HAD INTENDED TO GO TO TRANSYLVANIA AND WHILE BEING THERE, STOP BY AND VISIT YOU. BUT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT I HAVE HAD A SLIGHT JOB ACCIDENT (A STUPIDLY CONSTRUCTED CHAIR BIT ME AND TURNED ME INTO THE FIRST BAJA-OKLAHOMA PURPLE-THREE-BALLED WONDER BOY). THE SURGERY AND CONSEQUENT PARTIAL IMMOBILITY ESSENTIAL TO REPAIR MY TORN URETHRA, HAS INTERFERED WITH OUR TRAVEL PLANS TO SUCH A POINT WHERE I COULD NOT MAKE IT. PERHAPS NEXT YEAR. (NEXT THURSDAY, I'LL FLY BACK TO SPAIN). TEMPORARILY, I HOPE. EARLY 1983 I'LL BEGIN TO LOOK AROUND FOR A JOB HERE IN THE STATES -- AND BELIEVE ME, I DOUBT THAT I'LL EMBARK EVER AGAIN ON WORKING IN AND FOR A COUNTRY THAT HAS A FORM OF GOVERNMENT ALIEN TO THE PROGRESS MADE BY WESTERN CIVILIZATION SINCE LA SANTA INQUISICION.

ANY REPRINTS ARE VERY WELCOME ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY THAT IS NOW RISING AGAIN FROM ITS ASHES, AND FROM THE RESULTS OF 'ACCIDENTAL' PAPER-SHREDDING AND NOT SO ACCIDENTAL THEFT BY PERSONS 'UNKNOWN'.

MANY PALYNOLOGISTS HAVE HELPED US IN GETTING STARTED AGAIN AFTER THE FRAME UP WE WERE VICTIMS OF. SO, NOT THE ENTIRE WORLD IS POPULATED BY THEM BASTIDS AFTER ALL. BUT, IF YOU HAD NOT DISCOVERED IT YOURSELF, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT AMONGST THE PALYNOLOGISTS -- SCIENTISTS AFTER ALL, OR SO THEY INSIST CALLING THEMSELVES -- THERE IS AN ASTOUNDINGLY LARGE NUMBER THAT, BEING GOOD SCIENTISTS, IS NOT FOR SALE. BUT THEY ARE SURELY FOR HIRE. LETS NOT FORGET THAT DOCTOR MENGELE VON MANAUS WAS A SCIENTIST TOO.

IF YOU HAD SENT REPRINTS TO OUR P.O. BOX IN LEON: WELL, WE DID NOT GET THEM: THE POST OFFICE BOX MUST HAVE SPRUNG A LEAK. I HAVE A FAIRLY GOOD IDEA WHERE THEY MAY HAVE ENDED UP, BUT THE LIBEL LAWS MAKE ME NOT SAY IT.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAVE HEARD FROM YOU. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OR ALL CORRESPONDENCE MAY HAVE BEEN 'MISPLACED' IN THE LEONESE POST OFFICE, FOLLOWING CARMINA'S AND MY SUMMARY DISMISSALS FROM THE INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIONES PALINOLOGICAS WE HAD BEEN SUCKERED

INTO SETTING UP AND MAKING RUN FOR THE LEONESE OLIGARCHY AND ITS LACKEYS. CONSIDERING HOW FAST RUMORS -- ESPECIALLY UNTRUE AND MALICIOUS RUMORS -- TRAVEL, IT IS RATHER LIKELY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH SOME JUICY TIDBITS OF GENERALLY UNTRUE INFORMATION.

EVENTUALLY, CARMINA AND I HAVE GOTTEN FED UP BY THE ANTICS OF MY PAST STUDENTS; BY THE LIBEL AND SLANDER THAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FROM LEON; AND BY THE PERJURIOUS AND FALSE TESTIMONY WE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE VULTURIOS BEAKS OF SOME OF OUR FORMER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

* * * * * BEFORE CONTINUING, NOW PLEASE =====>
READ THE ENCLOSED XEROX COPIES, FOR THEY ARE GE-
NUINE TO THE FURTHER CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW COME THAT WE HAVE NEITHER ANSWERED MAIL, NOR THANKED FOR REPRINTS, AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE FACTS PERTAINING TO CARMINA AND ME HAVING BEEN KICKED OUT -- WITHOUT EVEN HAVING HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER OUR ADDRESS FILE, I BELIEVE THAT OUR SILENCE IS WELL EXPLAINED. ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF OUR LIBRARY HAS BEEN STOLEN; UP TO NOW NONE HAS BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE CAMPL: THEY SAY THAT THEY NEVER HAVE SEEN IT. MOST OF OUR CONSULTING BUSINESS HAS BEEN WRECKED BY CONTINUING HATE MAIL ISSUED FROM LEON, AND BY PHONE CALLS 'ANONYMOUS-
LY' MADE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SPANISH LAW BEING WHAT IT STILL IS, AND AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, WILL BE FOR A LONG TIME TO COME AS IT SO WELL SERVES THE OLIGARCHY (FORMERLY FAITHFUL FASCISTS, PRESENTLY TRUE DEMOCRATS WHO HAD JOINED THE FASCIST PARTY -- UNDER DURESS OF COURSE -- BUT 'ONLY TO REFORM THE EVIL FASCIST SYSTEM FROM WITHIN AND TURN IT INTO A TRUE DEMOCRACY'. AT GREAT PERSONAL FINANCIAL PROFIT -- BUT THAT -- LET THERE BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT -- WAS JUST AN ACCIDENTAL, UNINTENDED BY-PRODUCT OF THE TREACHERY, EMPRISONMENTS, MURDERS, CONFISCATIONS; WHENEVER QUESTIONED (SOMETHING THAT RARELY HAPPENS IN LA DEMOCRACIA), THEY INVARIABLY EXPRESS THEIR IGNORANCE AND EVEN INDIGNATION. THEIR SIGNATURES ON THE DEATH SENTENCES ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS FALSIFICATIONS.

AND EVEN THOUGH DON PACO LIES EMBALMED IN THE NATIONAL SHRINE UNDER 28 METRIC TONS OF GRANITE, THE PAST FORCES (NOW REFERRED TO AS THE 'DEMOCRATIC FORCES SUPPORTING SPAIN'S FREELY ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY' (THE REFERENDUM GAVE TWO CHOICES: SI & NO. 'SI' MEANT: YES, I'LL STAY; 'NO' = NO, I WON'T GO), THE SYNONYM FOR THE D.F.S.S.F.E.C.M. IS THE 'OLIGARCHY') ARE STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP EVERYTHING COVERED UP. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A MASS GRAVE WITH MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED CORPSES IN IT IS FOUND, THE FREE PRESS IN NO WAY EVEN MENTIONS IT. ARGUMENTS: LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. SCARY. HENCE, THE SAME FOLKS WHO GOVERNED? ESPAYNE DURING THE FORTY YEARS FOR DON PACO, NOW DO SO DEMOCRATICALLY FOR DON CARLOS.

INCIDENTALLY, THE PRESENT LEGAL SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE BEST OF YURP: IT WAS LITERALLY COPIED FROM THE ONE INSTITUTED BY THE LATE ADOLF SCHICKELGRUBER AFTER THE REICHSTAGSFIRE. AND FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THE SAME SYSTEM IS STILL OPERATIONAL AND SERVING THE SPANISH OLIGARCHY AND ITS ASS-LICKERS. THOSE WHO AMONG THE FASCIST-APPOINTED JUDGES HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORN DOWN BY AGE, STILL HOLD THEIR POSITIONS AND PROTECT THEIR DECADES OLD FRIENDS, BUT NOW UNDER THE CLOAK OF LA DEMOCRACIA A LA ESPANOLA, AND FOR ALL I CAN SEE, THEY AND THEIR SELF-PERPETUATING

OFFSPRING WILL KEEP DOING SO. JUST LOOK AT THE POLITICAL PAST OF THE LAST THREE PRESIDENTS OF SPAIN. WHAT I SAY ABOUT THE FASCIST JUDGES IS A FACT: THE SAME JUDGES WHO WITHIN THE LAST DECADE HAVE CONDEMNED POLITICAL ENEMIES TO DEATH (AND HAD THEM MURDERED) APPLYING THE TYPICALLY SPANISH GAMBIT OF ESTABLISHING AND (THEN ENFORCING IT) OF RETROACTIVE LEGISLATION, ARE STILL JUDGES TODAY, IN OUR NEW DEMOCRACY. THEY SURE HAVE A SHORT MEMORY IN EUROPE -- SOMEHOW PINOCHET AND GALTIERI MAKE THE NEWS, FOR "THEY ARE EVIL", BUT EQUALLY STRANGELY, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SEEMS TO GO SUBJECTIVELY BLIND ON SPAIN. BUT PERHAPS THIS IS ON ACCOUNT OF SAINT NATO, REVERED BY ALL WHO MAKE THEIR PROFITS OFF GETTING THE ONLY THIRD-WORLD WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY ACCESSABLE AS A MARKET FOR THEIR INDUSTRIES. AFTER ALL A.I.'S HEADQUARTERS ARE IN LONDON.

I CAN WRITE YOU NOW BECAUSE STAYING TEMPORARILY IN PLANO, TEXAS, I HAVE FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO GET AGAIN AN ADDRESS LIST TOGETHER. (MY FRIENDLY SPANISH COLLEAGUES (AND MANY OF MY EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN FRIENDS AS WELL) SIMPLY WOULD NOT GIVE ME ANY, THAT IS: NONE WHATSOEVER, HELP). I DON'T MEAN MY GRATEFUL STUDENTS, I WOULD EXPECT THAT FROM THEM. NO, I MEAN THE PEOPLE WHOM I HAD GIVEN SAMPLES TO, SLIDES, BOOKS, EXPENSIVE REPRINTS, CONSULTING, STUDY MONEY, TRAVEL MONEY; PALYNOLOGISTS WHO HAVE STAYED IN MY HOUSE, WHOM I HAVE FED, WHOM I HAVE GIVEN EXPENSIVE PUPPIES TO, WHOM I ARRANGED PLANE FARES TO BE PAID FOR, WHOM I HELPED GETTING GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR, ETC., ETC. IN SHORT, WHOM I HAD HELPED. I HAVE LEARNED WHO MY FRIENDS ARE: BE WARY OF A GOY, BUT NEVER TRUST A SPANIARD NOR A PALYNOLOGIST WHO SEES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPONGE OFF A SPICK. WHEN MY ADDRESS LIST 'DISAPPEARED' FROM THE INSTITUTO A DAY OR SO BEFORE I WAS FIRED, NONE OF THESE FINE FOLKS WOULD HELP ME BY LETTING ME HAVE A COPY OF THEIR ADDRESS LIST, BOOKS, OR WHATEVER. TO THE CONTRARY, THEY IMMEDIATELY BUZZED IN THE MANNER OF PHOSPHORESCENT GREEN-BELLIED FLIES WHO CONGREGATE AND CONTENTEDLY SWARM OVER A MAGGOTY SUN-BAKED TURD, AROUND THE INSTITUTO IN ORDER TO ENGRATIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE WORLD-RENOWNED SCIENTISTS WHO 'QUITE NATURALLY "INHERITED" MY "ABANDONED" PROPERTIES' AND WHO 'QUITE NATURALLY' 'ASSUMED' THAT I NO "NO LONGER WANTED OR CARED FOR THEM". THESE BUZZERDS NATURALLY SCURRY AND SLITHER AROUND ANY OLIGARCHY -- EVEN THE SPANISH, AND THEIR SCIENTIFIC CARRION EATING GRUBBERS, HOPING TO SCROUNGE UP SOME SLOP FROM THEM, THE SAME AS DO HUNGRY ASYLVESTRATED RUNTY DOGS WHOSE NATURE FORCES THEM TO KILL ANYTHING THAT MOVES, EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO EAT IT. FOR AS SOON AS A KILLING IS MADE, THEY CRAWL BACK TO THEIR MASTERS WAGGING THEIR SCALY SCABIATIC TAILS; THEN LICK THEIR UNCLEAN HANDS TO BEG AND EARN A CAN OF DOGFOOD. TO ME THE STRANGEST THING IS, THAT BOTH THE DOGS AND THEIR MASTERS ENJOY THE HANDLICKING. IT IS SIMILAR TO TWO SEA-URCHINS SUCKING EACH OTHER OFF. A PERPETUUM MOBILE. WELL, WE KNOW WHO OUR PALYNOLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL FRIENDS ARE. NEVER AGAIN WILL I DEAL WITH THAT TRASH EXCEPT TO CASH MY BILL. WHICH IS STILL OUTSTANDING.

PLEASE LET OTHER PALYNOLOGISTS READ THE XEROXCOPIES. IT IS THE ONLY WAY I HAVE TO OFFSET THE CONTINUING LEONESE PROPAGANDA.

AS I SAID ABOVE, MORE THAN HALF OF MY LIBRARY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. ALMOST ALL MY ANALYTICAL DATA HAVE 'DISAPPEARED'. SHOULD YOU HAVE LEFT REPRINTS OF YOUR WORK, WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME (TO MY TEXAS ADDRESS).

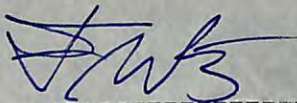
ON THE 15TH I'LL BE GOING BACK TO LEON, TO SPEND THE SUMMER IN MY APPELYARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CARMINA AND I WILL DO NEXT. (YOU KNOW: THE LEONESE SCUM EVEN POISONED MY DOGS. NOW, WHAT IN GODS NAME COULD MY LITTLE DOGGIES HAVE DONE TO THEM TO DESERVE TO BE POISONED WITH STRYCHINE-LACED HAMBURGER?). DID YOU KNOW THAT 'SOMEONE' LOOSENED THE BOLTS FROM ONE OF THE WHEELS OF MY FRONT-WHEEL CAR AND NEARLY GOT ME KILLED? AND WHAT IS MOST MADDENING, THE BUG-PICKING PIECE OF CARRION PHONED ME, 'ANONYMOUSLY' OF COURSE, TO TELL ME THAT HE WOULD DO IT AGAIN.

SHOULD YOU BE IN SPAIN, PLEASE COME BY AND VISIT US. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NUMEROUS ANONYMOUS THREATENING PHONE CALLS WE HAD BEEN RECEIVING PRIOR TO MY STAY IN THE US (AND WHICH I EXPECT WILL RESUME AS SOON AS THE GOOD FOLKS KNOW THAT I AM BACK), PLEASE OBSERVE THIS RULE VERY STRICTLY: CALL US AT THIS NUMBER WELL BEFORE YOU PLAN TO BE IN LEON: (34) 87 237.518 ==> ONLY CALL BETWEEN 07:00 AND 08:00 ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS <== BETTER, WRITE (REGISTERED MAIL PLEASE) TO F.H.C., AVENIDA DE PALENCIA 5-8D, LEON.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU YET ANOTHER FAVOR. EVEN THOUGH I PLAN TO ATTEND THE A.A.S.P. AND THE CHITINOZOAN MEETINGS THIS FALL, I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT ON ACCOUNT OF THE TROUBLE WE ARE HAVING WITH OUR CONSULTING BUSINESS AS A RESULT OF THE LEONESE PROPAGANDA WHICH -- I ASSURE YOU -- IS VERY, VERY EFFICIENT. IF I CANNOT MAKE IT, PLEASE SHOW THE "HISTORY" TO THE PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO BE MISINFORMED AND PROVE IT BY REPEATING THE LEONESE PROPAGANDA. YOU SEE, WE WANT TO SURVIVE IN OUR PROFESSIONS, BUT THE LIBEL, IF UNCHECKED, WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE. THANKS.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU; DON'T FORGET CARMINA'S AND MY MAILING ADDRESSES: PRINTED MATTER TO TEXAS; FIRST CLASS MAIL (LETTERS, PREFERABLY REGISTERED MAIL) TO LEON (TO THE AVENIDA DE PALENCIA, RATHER THAN TO THE LEAKY POST OFFICE BOX).

BEST WISHES.



F.H. CRAMER.

P.S.: I AM SENDING APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LETTER TO THOSE WHO ARE SENDING ME THEIR REPRINTS. (EVEN THOUGH THE LETTER IS ON PALINOLOGIA STATIONERY, IT COMES TO YOU FROM ROCK SPRINGS.



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Dear Sirs,

I have recently your letters on the 16th of March and the 12 th of April 1982. In return, I am writing to give you a complete and truthful evaluation of the five years I have worked and been an acquaintance of the person in question.

He was employed by contract by the Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de León in January 1975, in order to construct the Centre and also to prepare and teach the special field of study to students with degrees who had been awarded grants. These at the same time, would also be preparing themselves for the doctorate. In order to achieve this, the organization provided both technical and bibliographical help by means of subscriptions to all specialized publications, financing a considerable interchange of reprints.

All went well until the organization became aware of a series of irregularities - in particular, financial. Upon this, an attempt was made to investigate the situation and demand explanations. The person in question emphatically refused to co-operate. This marked the beginning of a tense relationship between this man and C.A.M.P.D.A. who had every right to demand explanations about the rather confused circumstances in which the Centre then operated.



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Please note the following in answer to your questions:

NUESTRA REFERENCIA:

- 1) The person in question does not have a good relationship with the staff of the Centre, nor with me as Operations Director. The situation is the complete opposite since even after two years he still wrote letters etc. confusing the staff and investigators of our special field of study, who are not really aware of the truth of the situation.
- 2) The internal finances of the centre were not administered by him. He used an annual budget justifying expenses with bills. With regard the external finances, I have already explained about the project N.º in this case, he never offered any kind of explanation.
- 3) In the task of maintaining the centre, he was very efficient and careful, in the same way as he was very careful to make material disappear when he was dismissed.
- 4) Regarding the scientific quality of his work, he offered several pieces of work and you can judge the quality for yourselves, some of them have been published in *Palinología*. Review, in the extra edition and edition number one.
- 5) This question has been answered in the letter in general. If you wish to have more information about his professional and personal conduct, you may contact his previous employers. I am sure that his conduct has not altered since he was in Florida State University, the Dr. Cassidy, and in Leiden the Dr. Schalke.

* SIGNATURE OF
MS MARIA AMOR FOMBELLA

The summary of our relationship with the person in question has been developed amidst suspicious circumstances, threats, and legal problems.

I hope that this letter, apart from answering your question will help you to make a right decision for your Company.

I trust that you will also keep this information strictly confidential.

Yours sincerely

M. Amor Fombella

A. [REDACTED] U.S.A.

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*Copy of letter received
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Vice-President.

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A HISTORY OF COINCIDENCES

RIVERTON, WY., 15 JUNE 1982.-- RECURRING PUBLICITY ISSUED FROM LEON, SPAIN, BY MAIL AND APPARENTLY ALSO BY PHONE, FOCUSING ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CARMINA'S AND MY SEPARATION FROM THE INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIONES PALINOLOGICAS (I.I.P.) -- OWNED BY THE CAJA DE AHORROS Y MONTE DE PIEDAD DE LEON (C.A.M.P.L.) -- HAS LED TO QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND HONESTY. IN CHARACTER WITH THE PRESUMED ORIGIN AND AUTHORITY, A GOOD PART OF THIS PUBLICITY WAS SENT ANONYMOUSLY. WE HAVE FOUND THAT ITS NATURE AND UNABATED RECURRENCE ARE SUCH THAT GREATLY MISLEADING CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY INFORMED AND WHO HAVE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT THIS PUBLICITY AT FACE VALUE. WE ARE NOT TREMENDOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SPONTANEOUS PUBLICITY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTE IS TO PROVIDE FACTS WHICH MAY SHED LIGHT ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED.

THE FACTS ARE KNOWN BY THE ORIGINATORS OF THE PUBLICITY, BUT STATEMENTS ARE NEVERTHELESS PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN THIS PUBLICITY WHICH I FEEL ARE DELIBERATELY UNTRUE, INCOMPLETE, OR FALSE, OR ARE WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE FACTS. IN MY OPINION, A GOOD PART OF THE PUBLICITY THAT HAS ORIGINATED FROM LEON FITS THE LEGAL DEFINITIONS OF SLANDER, LIBEL, OR CRIMINAL LIBEL.

I BELIEVE THAT A DETERMINED CAMPAIGN IS BEING WAGED FROM COWARDLY ANONYMITY TO INJURE US PROFESSIONALLY AND, IN FACT, TO DRIVE US OUT OF OUR PROFESSION. IN ALL RESPECTS, THE CAMPAIGN APPEARS TO EMULATE LOVINGLY THE NAZI PROPAGANDA SYSTEM BEST SUMMARIZED BY THE LATE DR. GOEBBELS, WHO NOT SO LONG AGO WAS AN IDOL OF SPANISH PRESS AND INFORMATION: "IF YOU TELL A LIE LONG AND OFTEN ENOUGH, SOMEONE WILL END UP BELIEVING IT, AND EVENTUALLY THE LIE WILL BE SPREAD AND BECOME THE UNASSAILABLE TRUTH." CARMINA AND I HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING WHOM AMONGST OUR COLLEAGUES HAS RECEIVED THE PUBLICITY, THE PHONE CALLS, OR THE ANONYMOUSLY SENT XEROX-COPIED NEWSPRINT; AND SINCE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED COPIES OF ONE SINGLE LETTER WERE PRINTED -- PRESUMABLY SENT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE I.I.P. -- A CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE MISINFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE BEEN FED.

WHILE THE RAMIFICATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SUMMARY DISMISSALS FROM THE I.I.P. ARE MANY AND COMPLEX AND WOULD BE PRETTY GOOD MATERIAL FOR A PRETTY LOUSY NOVEL, NO APPARENT PURPOSE SEEMS TO BE SERVED AT THIS TIME BY A PUBLIC REVELATION OF THE SERIOUS MATTERS DIRECTLY UNDERLYING OUR DISMISSALS; I HAVE BROUGHT THE FACTS IN THESE MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS WHICH ARE WELL QUALIFIED TO PASS JUDGEMENT ON THEM. HENCE, THIS LETTER IS LIMITED TO THOSE FACTS WHICH MAY SERVE TO PLACE THE PUBLICITY IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND TO PERMIT YOU ALL TO DRAW YOUR CONCLUSIONS.

1. DESTRUCTION OF OUR PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY AND OTHER PROPERTIES.

ON 1 JANUARY 1975, CARMINA AND I ESTABLISHED THE I.I.P. FOR THE C.A.M.P.L.; WE FOUND IT PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN LOCALLY SUCH BARE NECESSITIES AS A REASONABLY COMPLETE RESEARCH LIBRARY, REFERENCE MATERIAL, SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, ETC. CARMINA AND I, THEREFORE, REACHED A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE C.A.M.P.L. WHEREBY WE WOULD PERMIT THE USE OF OUR THEN STILL COMPLETE AND VERY LARGE REPRINT COLLECTION, OUR REFERENCE MATERIAL, OUR EQUIPMENT, ETC., BY THE I.I.P. I AM NOT SPEAKING OF JUST A FEW REPRINTS AND A BOX OR TWO OF SLIDES; WE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE I.I.P. ALMOST TWO TRUCKLOADS OF PROFESSIONAL TOOLS. THE I.I.P. COULD NEVER HAVE FUNCTIONED, NOR COULD THE GRATE- AND FAITHFUL STUDENTS WHOSE WORK I SUPERVISED, EVER HAVE GOTTEN THEIR DEGREES, WITHOUT THE FREE USE OF OUR PROPERTY.

OWING TO OUR SUMMARY DISMISSAL, NEITHER CARMINA NOR I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE ALL OUR PROPERTY FROM THE BUILDING THAT HOUSES THE I.I.P. AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS, WE ARE STILL TRYING TO REGAIN POSSESSION OF THE BELONGINGS LEFT BEHIND.

WHEN I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO INSPECT THE PART OF OUR PROPERTY THAT WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO RECOVER, I FOUND ABOUT FORTY PERCENT OF OUR REPRINT COLLECTION TO BE MISSING, ORIGINALS SUBSTITUTED BY XEROX-COPIES, AND NEARLY ALL ORIGINAL PLATES RIPPED OUT OF THE REPRINTS. THOUSANDS OF REFERENCE SLIDES HAD DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR BOXES AND COMPUTER TAPES CONTAINING MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF DATA DEVELOPED AND ACCUMULATED BY CARMINA AND ME HAD BEEN DEMAGNETIZED. THREE LARGE MANUSCRIPTS, INCLUDING ARTWORK, ANALYSIS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND SLIDES, WERE NO LONGER IN THEIR FILES.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE DESTRUCTION AND THEFT OF OUR PROFESSIONAL TOOLS WERE ACCOMPLISHED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE I WAS FIRED; I ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR MATERIAL WAS DESTROYED WHILE IT WAS STILL ON THE PREMISES OF THE I.I.P. THAT THE DESTRUCTION WAS DONE WITH EXAMPLARY ARTFULNESS PROVES, IN MY ESTIMATION, THAT THE CULPRIT(S) KNEW OUR COLLECTIONS WELL, FOR WITH A MINIMUM OF WORK A MAXIMUM OF DAMAGE WAS ACHIEVED. FURTHERMORE, THE MISSING MATERIAL IS PRECISELY THAT WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AND COULD FORM THE NUCLEUS FOR A NEW COLLECTION. I AM AT A LOSS ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC TERRORIST(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS. HINDSIGHT SHOWS ME THAT PERMITTING THE FREE USE OF OUR MATERIAL WAS AN UNFORGIVABLE STUPIDITY. I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT IT WOULD BE BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION AND THEFT OF OUR LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND REFERENCE MATERIAL GOES BEYOND MISERABLE INANITY TO SHEER INTELLECTUAL SQUALOR, SELF-SERVING SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC TERRORISM IS NOT AT ALL NEW TO SPAIN: NOT TOO LONG AGO THAT GREAT SPANIARD, MR. TORQUEMADA, EMPLOYED SIMILAR METHODS, THOUGH HE PREFERRED TO BURN THE OWNERS AT THE STAKE TOGETHER WITH THE BOOKS HE HAD NO USE FOR. PROGRESS!

IN ONE CASE ONLY HAVE I BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE PROBABLE WHEREABOUTS OF SOME OF OUR PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO MY RECORDS -- WHICH I HAVE TURNED OVER TO THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES -- PRIOR TO OUR DISMISSALS, EARLY IN 1980, MY FORMER STUDENTS, MESSRS. J. CACHAN AND J.J. VAZQUEZ, CHECKED OUT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED REPRINTS FROM OUR COLLECTION. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THESE SCIENTISTS TO SEE FIT TO RETURN OUR REPRINTS TO US. EVEN THOUGH OUR FIRST LAWSUIT HAS FAILED ON A TECHNICALITY, I WILL AGAIN INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO FORCE THESE TWO SPANISH SCIENTISTS AND GENTLEMEN TO RETURN OUR LAWFUL PROPERTY.

2. OUR SUMMARY DISMISSAL FROM THE I.I.P.

IN APRIL AND JUNE 1980, RESPECTIVELY, CARMINA AND I WERE SUMMARILY DISMISSED FROM THE I.I.P. BY OR THROUGH THE THEN PRESIDENT OF THE C.A.M.P.L., THE HONORABLE EMILIO HURTADO LLAMAS. THE 'LABOR COURT' OF LEON HAS RULED THAT CARMINA'S DISMISSAL WAS UNLAWFUL AND HAS SENTENCED THE C.A.M.P.L. TO PAY THE CORRESPONDING INDEMNIZATION. BUT THE HONORABLE HURTADO MADE QUITE CLEAR THE DESIRED OUTCOME OF MY LABOR SUIT IN A SPONTANEOUS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THE SINCERE DESIRE OF HELPING ALL CONCERNED PROMPTED THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT LEON PRESS TO PUBLISH PROMINENTLY THE HONORABLE HURTADO'S MISREPRESENTATIONS AND GRATUITOUS ASSERTIONS REGARDING ME AND THE INSTITUTE CARMINA AND I HAD BUILT FOR THE C.A.M.P.L. THE FACT THAT HIS HONOR'S BAD PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STARTED JUST BEFORE MY CASE AGAINST THE C.A.M.P.L. CAME UP IN THE LABOR COURT MAY HAVE BEEN VERY DAMAGING TO ME BUT, NO DOUBT, IT WAS ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL. EQUALLY COINCIDENTLY, THE INDEPENDENT, UNINDEBTED, OBJECTIVE, AND HONEST LEONESE PRESS JUST COULD NOT ARRANGE TO GIVE ME EQUAL SPACE TO ANSWER HIS HONOR'S INTERVIEW. THIS WAS THE OCCASION WHERE I FIRST LEARNED THAT IN LEON SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS. THE UNINDEBTED LEONESE PRESS, OF COURSE, ACTED WITHOUT ANY DESIRE TO CAUSE US ANY HARM. WHILE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT HIS HONOR'S MESSAGE, SO UNSUBTLY COUCHED IN THE PUBLICITY, COULD NOT AND DID NOT IMPROPERLY INFLUENCE THE COURT, IT IS EQUALLY TRUE THAT THE COURT RULED MY SUMMARY DISMISSAL TO HAVE BEEN LAWFUL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COURT'S RULING WAS BASED ON ITS INTERPRETATION OF EVIDENCE THAT HAD NEITHER BEEN ADDUCED AS REASON FOR MY DISMISSAL NOR, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND RECOLLECTION, BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE LABOR COURT HEARING. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS EVIDENCE WAS SOMEHOW INSERTED IN THE PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE HEARING. I FIND THIS STRANGE, FOR I BELIEVE THAT THE POST-FACTO EVIDENCE IS DEMONSTRABLY FALSE. THE SPANISH SUPREME COURT, WHICH VERY SELDOM HEARS ANY LABOR SUITS AT ALL, NEVERTHELESS AGREED TO HEAR MINE, BECAUSE THE LABOR COURT MAY HAVE MADE "ERRORS

IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW." AS THE RULING OF THE SPANISH SUPREME COURT IS STILL PENDING, I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REQUEST THAT THE CRIMINAL COURT INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE CAUSED OUR UNLAWFUL DISMISSALS. INCIDENTALLY, MY GRATE- AND THANKFUL STUDENTS AND TECHNICIAN VOLUNTARILY AND UNSELFISHLY CAME FORWARD AT OUR HEARING TO TESTIFY AGAINST US. THOUGH THE C.A.M.P.L. APPARENTLY HAPPENED TO HAVE GIVEN THEM A SALARY RAISE AT JUST ABOUT THE TIME OF THEIR TESTIMONY ON ITS BEHALF, IN NO WAY DO I WISH TO IMPLY THAT ANY CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN CONTENT OF TESTIMONY AND APPARENT SALARY INCREASE. COINCIDENCE, AFTER ALL, DOES EXIST. AND SO, IN LEON, DO MIRACLES.

3. RADIOACTIVE MINERALS.

LATE IN 1978 I DISCOVERED SHOWS, THEN UNKNOWN, OF RADIOACTIVE MINERALS. THE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MY WORK, WHICH I THOUGHT SAFELY STORED IN MY OFFICE, WAS TAKEN FROM IT, SURREPTITIOUSLY, BY PERSONS OFFICIALLY STILL UNKNOWN. EVEN THOUGH EXPENSIVE ITEMS WERE PRESENT IN MY OFFICE, NONE WERE STOLEN; THE ONLY ITEM WHICH DID DISAPPEAR -- WHICH, IN RETROSPECT, HAD BEEN DISAPPEARING NIGHTLY OVER A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE EARLY 1980 -- WAS INFORMATION ON RADIOACTIVE MINERALS. I DON'T THINK THAT I WILL EVER UNDERSTAND HOW THE DATA COULD HAVE MANAGED TO DISAPPEAR. THE BUILDING WAS KEPT LOCKED AT NIGHT AND THE LOCKS WERE NEVER FORCED OR PICKED. STRANGELY ENOUGH, EXCEPT FOR THE PERSONNEL OF THE I.I.P. AND SOME OFFICIALS FROM THE C.A.M.P.L., I HAD GIVEN NO ONE ELSE KEYS TO THE I.I.P. BUT OF COURSE, THE INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM I HAD GIVEN KEYS, ARE ABOVE SUSPICION. AS I SAID BEFORE, MIRACLES DO EXIST IN LEON. AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE INFORMATION WITHOUT THE LOCKS HAVING BEEN FORCED MUST BE THE FIRST LEONESE CASE OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION.

IN EARLY 1980, I WAS STRONGLY PRESSURED TO ABANDON VERY QUIETLY ALL WORK ON THE RADIOACTIVE MINERALS, ALTHOUGH THIS WORK WAS, AT THE TIME, STILL A SECRET. HOW WAS THE INFORMATION LEAKED TO THOSE GOOD FOLKS? I HAVE NO IDEA. LET US NOT FORGET THAT NO LOCKS HAD BEEN PICKED OR FORCED. YET THE INFORMATION HAD GOTTEN OUT. I JUST CANNOT IMAGINE HOW THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED. I NOW SUSPECT THAT THE PARTY WHICH TRIED TO INTIMIDATE ME INTENDED TO GET ITS HANDS ON THE MINERAL RIGHTS OF THE AREA OF THE SHOWS BEFORE THEIR EXISTENCE COULD BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

THIS IS WHERE I MADE ONE GREAT AND STUPID MISTAKE: RATHER THAN YIELD TO THE INTIMIDATION AND SELL OUT, I FOLLOWED WHAT I HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE WAS MY MANDATE AS DIRECTOR OF A TAX-EXEMPT RESEARCH INSTITUTION (THE I. I. P.), OWNED BY A PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION (THE C.A.M.P.L.). I PROMOTED THE INTERESTS OF THE SPANISH NATION RATHER THAN THE PETTY BUT SIZE ABLE INTERESTS OF SOME WEALTHY SCIONS OF THE LOCAL OLIGARCHY.

THE SPANISH NATION ACQUIRED -- BUT ONLY QUITE TEMPORARILY AS IT TURNED OUT -- ESSENTIALLY AS ITS EXCLUSIVE RESERVE, THE MINERAL RIGHTS IN THE AREA OF NORTHERN SPAIN WHERE MOST OF THE SHOWS OCCUR.

THIS ALL TOOK PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH 1980. IN APRIL 1980, FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE 'RESERVATION' OF THE MINERAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF THE SPANISH NATION, THE HONORABLE EMILIO HURTADO LLAMAS, THEN PRESIDENT OF THE C.A.M.P.L., SUMMARILY FIRED ME.

THE HONORABLE HURTADO IS CLOSELY RELATED BY INTRICATE FAMILY TIES AND INTERESTS TO A SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS WHICH OWNS MINERAL RIGHTS OF LARGE TRACTS IN NORTHERN SPAIN.

4. ACCUSATION OF GRAND THEFT.

WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT I WOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY VULGAR, COARSE -- ANONYMOUS -- BLACKMAIL AND OTHER SINISTER COERCIVE TACTICS AIMED AT PREVENTING ME FROM APPEALING TO THE SPANISH SUPREME COURT TO REQUEST A REVERSAL OF THE THE LEON LABOR COURT RULING, CARMINA AND I FOUND OURSELVES ACCUSED OF GRAND THEFT. THE ACCUSATION WAS COINED IN A SPANISH LEGAL PLOY KNOWN AS "ACCUSATION BY INDIRECT IMPUTATION." THIS LEGAL STRATEGEM, CLEVERLY DESIGNED AND THEREFORE OFTEN SUCCESSFUL, SEEKS TO PREVENT A VICTIM OF AN IMPUTATION OF CRIME OR FELONY FROM SEEKING PUNITIVE AND CIVIL DAMAGES AGAINST HIS ACCUSER, SHOULD THE INDIRECT IM-

PUTATION TURN OUT FALSE AND THEREFORE CONSTITUTE THE FELONY OF FALSE ACCUSATION. THE ACCUSATION BY INDIRECT IMPUTATION WAS MADE BY THE C.A.M.P.L. UNDER THE PRESIDENCY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HONORABLE HURTADO. THE CRIMINAL COURT HELD ITS HEARING IN OCTOBER 1980. ONCE AGAIN, MY THANKFUL FORMER STUDENTS AND TECHNICIAN, THEN AND NOW EMPLOYED BY THE C.A.M.P.L., CAME FORWARD UNSELFINTERESTEDLY TO PRESENT SWORN TESTIMONY AGAINST CARMINA AND ME, ON BEHALF OF THEIR EMPLOYER, THE C.A.M.P.L.

MY GRATEFUL EX-STUDENT, DR. FOMBELLA, WAS NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE I.I.P. BY THE HONORABLE HURTADO, PRESIDENT OF THE C.A.M.P.L., AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME SHE SO GENEROUSLY OFFERED HER SWORN TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE C.A.M.P.L., SPECIFICALLY VOLUNTEERING GRAVE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. FOMBELLA WAS ENHANCED BY THE CROWING OF ROOSTERS. OBVIOUSLY, DR. FOMBELLA'S TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE C.A.M.P.L. AND HER PROMOTION TO THE POST OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE I.I.P., ARE TWO ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL AND UNRELATED EVENTS. NOBODY, I AM SURE, WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THE THOUGHT THAT SUCH RENOWNED SCIENTISTS AS A FOMBELLA COULD BE BOUGHT, OR WOULD THINK OF TRADING THEIR UNDYING LOYALTY FOR PROFIT. NOT LONG AFTER THE CRIMINAL HEARING, THE C.A.M.P.L. COINCIDENTALLY AND QUITE SPONTANEOUSLY GAVE A RAISE IN SALARY TO PRECISELY THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAD TESTIFIED AGAINST ME. IF THE INCREASED PAYCHECKS WERE NOT HANDED OUT BY MR. BENEDICT ARNOLD IN A CEREMONY ENLIVENED BY THE MARIACHIS OF DON JOSE GUTIERREZ ESTRADA, A GREAT SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL OPPORTUNITY WAS MISSED. AGAIN, I JUST CANNOT IMAGINE THAT THE SALARY INCREASE AND INCRIMINATING TESTIMONY ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED. SURELY, WE ARE DEALING WITH YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LEONESE COINCIDENCE.

IN LATE DECEMBER 1980, THE CRIMINAL COURT RULED THAT THE ACCUSATION BY INDIRECT IMPUTATION OF GRAND THEFT WAS WITHOUT MERIT OR FUNDAMENT. NO THEFT HAD TAKEN PLACE. CARMINA AND I WERE EXONORATED. THE COURT'S RULING DID NOT SURPRISE US, FOR IT IS NOT US BUT THE C.A.M.P.L. WHICH, EVEN NOW, STILL REFUSES TO RETURN PROPERTY OF OURS HELD AT THE I.I.P. WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO IT.

THE INCRIMINATING SWORN TESTIMONY AND THE ACCUSATIONS IT CONTAINS ARE FALSE. THE SPANISH CODE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLEARLY DEFINES SWORN FALSE ACCUSATIONS BROUGHT FORTH IN A CASE OF GRAND THEFT: THEY ARE FELONIOUS. I AM DETERMINED TO BRING CRIMINAL SUIT AGAINST THE ACTORS FOR FALSE ACCUSATION, FALSE TESTIMONY, AND PERJURY, MADE IN THE ACCUSATION BY IMPLIED IMPUTATION. FOR THE TIME BEING, I AM POSTPONING THIS ACTION BUT ONLY UNTIL THE SPANISH SUPREME COURT HAS RULED ON MY LABOR CASE.

5. ALLEGED CRIMINAL LIBEL.

SOON AFTER HIS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE US PURPOSELY IN A SHAM CASE OF FABRICATED GRAND THEFT, THE HONORABLE HURTADO ONCE MORE HAD CERTAIN STATEMENTS ABOUT ME PUBLISHED IN THE FREE PRESS OF LEON. WHAT COULD EXPLAIN SUCH A CLEARLY INDEPENDENT LOCAL PRESS PUBLISHING WHAT I BELIEVE IS PRIMA FACIE CRIMINAL LIBEL AND THEREBY RUNNING THE RISK OF A MAJOR DAMAGING LAWSUIT? PERHAPS THE ANSWER IS THAT THIS FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS HAS BEEN COVERTLY SUBSIDIZED BY THE C.A.M.P.L. IN THE MANY, MANY DECADES DURING WHICH THE HONORABLE HURTADO HAS RULED THE C.A.M.P.L. (THE C.A.M.P.L. IS, BY THE WAY, THE LARGEST FINANCIAL AND CREDIT INSTITUTION OF LEON). TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND INTERPRETATION, HIS HONOR'S STATEMENTS ABOUT ME IN THE LOCAL PRESS FIT THE DEFINITION OF CRIMINAL LIBEL AS THIS FELONY IS CIRCUMSCRIBED IN THE SPANISH CODE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. (YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED XEROX-COPIES OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS OF HIS HONOR'S STATEMENTS -- SENT, OF COURSE, ANONYMOUSLY). I HAVE REQUESTED THE TWO CRIMINAL COURTS UNDER WHOSE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION THE HONORABLE HURTADO PERPETRATED THE ALLEGED FELONIES OF CRIMINAL LIBEL, TO PROSECUTE HIM.

I FOUND NO DIFFICULTIES IN THE CITY OF ASTORGA, A TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION REMOVED FROM THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF THE HONORABLE HURTADO.

BUT IN LEON, THE SEE OF THE C.A.M.P.L. AND THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF THE HONORABLE HURTADO, THINGS DID NOT GO QUITE AS SMOOTHLY: TO OUR INCREDULOUS SURPRISE, THE MAGISTRATE RULED THAT I, THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE ALLEGED LIBEL WAS DIRECTED, THAT IS, THE VICTIM OF THE ALLEGED CRIMINAL LIBEL, WAS TO POST A \$20,000.00 CASH BOND, OR THE MAGISTRATE OF

THAT PARTICULAR LEON COURT (LEON: RESIDENCE OF HIS HONOR, SEE OF THE C.A.M.P.L.) WOULD DECLINE TO HEAR THE CASE! I REPEAT AGAIN: IT WAS THE VICTIM (ME) WHO WAS TO POST THE BOND. NO BOND WAS DEMANDED FROM THE ALLEGED FELON! THE MAGISTRATE'S DECISION WAS LATER OVERRULED AND THE CASE HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO A HIGHER COURT. BOTH CASES ARE NOW AWAITING TRIAL.

THREE REQUESTS.

1.-- A LARGE PART OF OUR LIBRARY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. WE SHOULD LIKE TO RECONSTRUCT IT. PLEASE HELP US BY SENDING US WHAT REPRINTS OF YOUR WORK YOU MAY STILL HAVE AVAILABLE.

RUMOR SEEMS TO HAVE IT THAT CARMINA AND I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON OUR PROFESSIONS AND THAT WE ARE NO LONGER IN PALYNOLOGY. THIS IS NOT TRUE. WHAT IS TRUE IS THAT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE US THROUGH THE MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION AND THEFT OF GREAT PARTS OF OUR LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS; WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RECONSTRUCT THE SCIENTIFIC DATA THAT WERE ON THE 'ACCIDENTALLY' DEMAGNETIZED COMPUTER TAPES (WITH SOME SUCCESS); WE FIRST TRIED TO IGNORE AND THEN TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE ANONYMOUS AND NOT SO ANONYMOUS PUBLICITY ISSUED FROM LEON -- ONLY TO FIND THAT THE ANONYMOUS PUBLICITY SEEMED TO INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY; WE TRIED TO RECOVER MAIL THAT WAS MISLAID, PLACED IN THE WRONG P.O. BOX, OR COLLECTED BY OTHERS; WE TRIED TO RECUPERATE THE MANUSCRIPTS AND EDITED TEXT FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF PALINOLOGIA (NO SUCCESS: THE GOOD I.I.P. CANNOT FIND IT: IT MUST HAVE WALKED AWAY); WE TRIED TO TRACE PAYMENTS MEANT FOR PALINOLOGIA, CASHED BY OR THROUGH THE C.A.M.P.L. OR THE I.I.P., BUT NEVER RECEIVED BY PALINOLOGIA. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE READY AGAIN FOR GREATER AND BETTER PALINOLOGICAL EFFORTS. PLEASE HELP US WITH THE LITERATURE.

2.-- APPARENTLY, MUCH OF THE MAIL ADDRESSED TO US AT OUR P.O. BOX IN LEON, FROM THE DATES OF OUR DISMISSALS IN 1980 UNTIL EARLY 1982, HAS FAILED TO REACH US. ON SOME OCCASIONS, MAIL CLEARLY AND CORRECTLY ADDRESSED TO US WAS SOMEHOW REROUTED AND FOUND ITS WAY TO THE I.I.P., INSTEAD OF TO OUR POST OFFICE BOX. THEREFORE, PLEASE USE THESE ADDRESSES:

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APARTADO 543
LEON -- SPAIN

SEND PRINTED MATTER, CIRCULARS, REPRINTS, TO:

CRAMER & DIEZ
P.O. BOX 345573
FARMERS BRANCH
TX 75234 U.S.A.

3.-- WE ARE ALSO PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE ON I.I.P. STATIONERY, BEARING DATES FROM APRIL 1980 OR LATER, WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED OVER OUR SIGNATURES, OR WHICH REFERS TO US, TO OUR SEPARATION FROM THE I.I.P., OR TO THE REASONS FOR OUR DISMISSALS. IF YOU HAVE KEPT ANY OF IT AND WANT TO HELP US, WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND IT TO US (TO OUR FARMERS BRANCH ADDRESS OF COURSE -- WE REALLY WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE OUR MAIL AGAIN GO ASTRAY). WE WILL USE IT WELL, FOR "EVERY IDLE WORD THAT MEN SHALL SPEAK, THEY SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT OF IN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT".

GREETINGS FROM BEAUTIFUL RIVERTON, THE URANIUM CAPITAL OF WYOMING.

FRITZ H. CRAMER.

F. H. CRAMER,
P.O. BOX 345573,
FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234,
U.S.A.

16 March 1982.

Dear Fellow Palynologist:

If you sent letters to Carmina (María del Carmen Díez) or me in 1980, 1981, or 1982, which went unacknowledged or unanswered, it is more than likely that we did not receive them. In case the unanswered correspondence is still current, please send photocopies by first class mail to F. H. CRAMER, P.O. BOX 543, LEON, SPAIN.

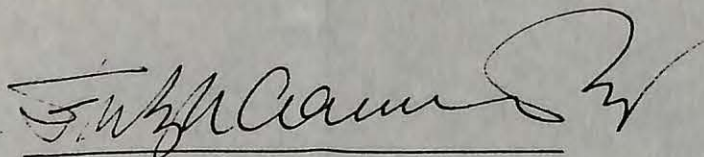
Both Carmina and I should also appreciate it very much if you also would send again -- but now to my U.S.-address, listed below -- any still available reprints previously mailed to us in Spain.

Insofar as printed matter appears to have a much greater likelihood of getting lost before reaching us through our Spanish P.O. Box than first class mail, from now on, please send all printed matter, circulars, reprints, etc., to:

FRITZ H. CRAMER,
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FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234,
U.S.A.

Would you also please keep us on your reprint exchange list. We will be glad to reciprocate with our forthcoming papers on stratigraphic palynology and economic geology.

Thank you very much. Best wishes from thriving Rock Springs, Wyoming, the Sour Gas Capital of the free world.



Fritz H. Cramer.

10 September, 1980

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer & M. d. C. R. Diez
Apartado 543
León, Spain

Dear Fritz and Carmen:

Thanks so much for the great wad of publications! I am especially happy to have the things about acritarchs, as I am trying to improve my education in that area.

It was disappointing to miss you at 5IPC--it was a good meeting.

From about 15 November for about six months, I'll be on sabbatical in Zürich, Switzerland, probably looking at some long cores of Zürchersee.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

14 March, 1980

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto Palinologico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Did your friend, Rodriguez, fail to designate a type species for Coronoraspora, as it seems to me, or have I missed something? I keep a file of my own on such matters and would appreciate comment.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

3 March, 1980

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto Palinologico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Have a touch of "flu", and the day in bed has given me time (at last) to read carefully the neat batch of reprints you sent me re acritarchs, miospores, chitinozoans. I am especially impressed by the great illustrations, and they will be useful to me in teaching. Keep up the great work.

Question--in the Microfaleont. 1977 paper, Plate 6, fig. 10--what do you make of it? I note you have no description or discussion, as far as I can find out. I'd like a comment. Do most of 'em look like that 'un?

I also wondered if Micropaleontology fouled you up re magnifications? You say 575x, but I measured them in mm. and divided by your micron measurements and got rather different figures. I prefer 500x, or 1000x, because you can lay a millimeter rule on the photos and read off size in microns directly.

All the best.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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11 Junio 1979

Att. Betty Traverse
The Pennsylvania State University
Deike Building
University Park, Pa 16802
U.S.A.

Dear Betty:

But mail is really very slow: the xeroxcopy of the thesis arrived Monday of last week, and your letter on Friday.

→ We are processing payment. You should receive it shortly.

We are getting ready for fieldwork - two months of it. Beginning July. After which we'll put together the 1979 volume of Palinología.

Best wishes,

Federico

F.H. Cramer

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28 May, 1979

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto Palinológico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 344
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

The mails move slowly, but not that slowly. As I wrote you on 23 January, I had the thesis (Binder, 1965) that you requested copied and I mailed the copy to you on 24 January. It must have been lost somewhere along the line.

I will be happy to have it copied again and send it on, with the hope that it will actually reach you. It is very little trouble, but I'll wait until I hear from you that you still want it before I send it. The cost of copying is \$5.50 and the postage will be about 2.00, I suppose, so total cost should be about \$7.00.

Let me know right away that you want it at this very late date, and I'll speed (I hope) it on its way by taking it directly to the post office, rather than mailing it here in the university.

Yours very truly,

Betty Traverse

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA 16802

Fritz Cramer

Department of Geosciences

Area Code 814

21 March 1979

Dear Fritz:

Did you ever get the thesis I had copied and shipped to you some time ago? Let me know if it doesn't arrive soon.

As ever,

Betty

Betty Traverse

Dear Betty:

No, we never got it.

Will you visit Spain soon?

Federico

23 January, 1979

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinológicas
Apartado 244
León, España

your reference 790006

Dear Fritz:

I have found a copy of the thesis you requested (Binder, 1965) in our library and am having it xeroxed for you. Since it was done some time ago, there don't seem to be any loose copies floating around. The cost of xeroxing shouldn't be more than \$5. I'll send a bill along with the thesis tomorrow (will send printed matter to save money).

Best wishes for the new year.

Yours very truly,

~~Rifted~~ Traverse
Assistant of miscellaneous
palynological matters

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*Federico
can you do?
(only if it can
be captured by
someone)*

File given

NUESTRA REFERENCIA: 790006

6 January 1979

Dr. A. Traverse
529 Deike Bldg
Penn State University
University Park, Pa. 16802
U.S.A.

Dear Al:

Would you be able to get me a copy (xerox is OK) of Ph. D. thesis by Binder 1965 (or-4 or-6) on (E.R.S.) electron spin resonance (probably) in coals. Has been done at Penn State. (Tells about use of E.R.S. in coal maturation and organic chemical structure).

For any cost involved, please send bill. (Possibly rush - and - hush, grant money involved; if so, I'll get you a consultant's deal).

and we are successful

Happy new year to y'all,

Federico

F.H. Cramer

7 December, 1978

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto Palinológico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 244
Leon, Espana

Dear Fritz:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of 27 November, just arrived--no need to thank us for your stay here. You contributed greatly to making the late fall memorable, pleasant and educational! We're still talking about your visit, and I do hope that one day we can take you up on your invitation to visit Spain, but I must say I can't imagine when on earth it will be. Still, surprises do occur!

All the best to you, Javier and Carmina for 1979.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
President, ICP

AT/et

P.S. I just received a startling letter from the officers of the AASP stating that until further notice AASP will have no formal relationship with ICP. I can't believe they really mean this. It's one of those curiosities of life that just when we have got everything else smoothed over and are about to be welcomed as a part of IUGS in addition to our previous status in IUBS, our home base seems to be threatened!

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NUESTRA REFERENCIA:

Dear Betty and Al:

Well, we are back in snowy and cold León. The pass ~~to~~ road to Asturias was blocked yesterday, snowplows working their tires off to get the road open again. Quite a change from the States. The trip was a very pleasant one but too short. Thanks again for the marvelous way you all have taken care of us and for having two unexpected guests for dinner + sleep.

On our way back to Spain we have stopped at many places so that cavioar could go on buying trinkets. And he has: to the last possible moment (junkshop at Kennedy) he has gone on spending money on useless cute items. So it is that we arrived in Barajas with five suitcases (left with 1 for me, 1 for him, 1 empty). Return 1F + 4C. ft through customs w/o troubles, which, considering the import duty ^{he} would have to pay had they caught him, is a reason to be

grateful. So, all was very pleasant and we have many happy memories.

We hope that you will be able to make it to Spain some day. Place León on your itinerary + come and visit with us.

Greetings from Janice and me

Scherzo

31 January, 1978

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto Palinologico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 244
Leon, Espana

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for the recent batch of papers on acritarchs and other matters. I was especially interested to get the report on the international colloquium. Wish I could get to Leon one of these years, but it probably will have to wait until retirement. I of course reciprocate the good wishes for 1978! Deborah Delfel joins me in greetings.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et

26 April, 1977

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto Palinologico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo 5, Apartado 244
Leon, Espana

Dear Fritz:

Please find enclosed a registration for the conference in Leon which was sent first to Margorie Muir and then forwarded to me. The information of course is obviously something for you!

I sure wish I could figure out a way to attend the conference myself. How does one fund such things?! All the best. I continue to enjoy having Deborah Delfel as a student, though personal problems such as moving, etc., have kept me from spending as much time with her as I would like. Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/et
encl. registration for Leon conference

14 February, 1977

Dr. Fritz Cramer
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinologicas
Apartado Postal 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for yours of 17 December which I am just now opening. I'm delighted to be able to report that I have resigned all connection with the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen, and your problems about this volume and that volume, etc., now can be referred directly to Dr. Spackman. I should have done this years ago, if the peace of mind I have obtained by the action is indicative of anything. As far as I recall, however, volumes from 27 up are still in print. You should be able to buy anything from volume 27 on directly from the Catalog's stock. However, as I say, I don't want to be involved.

Glad to hear you're getting such good stuff to work on. My problem is finding time to work on what I do have. Deborah is a delightful person, and we have really come to love her, but whether she is cut out to be a professional palynologist is a question on which I have an open mind. She has only done fair in the course work here so far. I am wondering if her warm, human spirit and artistic ability could not be better applied to some other form of endeavor.

It would be fun to attend the conference in Leon, but I can see absolutely no chance of doing so at this moment. I couldn't even raise the money to go to Lucknow (at least not in time to go)--and I certainly had a much better case for that trip than I would for this one. Best wishes to you and to all of your people from all of us.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

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17 de Diciembre de 1976

NUESTRA REFERENCIA:

Dr. Alfred Traverse
529 Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa. 16802
U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Traverse:

In previous correspondence we indicated that we would be interested in purchasing out-of-print copies of the CFPS when they become available on microfilm or similar material. But, meanwhile we have been able to obtain used volumes (through 26) of the CFPS. ^A *one*

As originals are always better than copies, we are therefore no longer interested in microfilmed (etc.) copies of volumes 1 through 26. Would you please note that our interest in the as yet unobtainable volumes 27 and up remains unchanged.

We should also like to acknowledge receipt of volumes 32, 33, 37, 39,* which arrived here last week.

Sincerely yours,

F.H. Cramer

* Dear Al:

This letter was dictated a while ago and could not be typed as my secretary who plays hand-ball (sport) once again damaged one of her fingers. We have now received vols 32 → 39. We are finding beautiful

August 3, 1976

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinologicas
Apartado Postal 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Dr. Cramer:

This is to acknowledge formally your standing order for the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen. We are sending you immediately Volumes 31-39 in Option D (looseleaf binders). Volume 40 is in press, and you should receive it separately before long.

As I told you previously, we are negotiating to put Volumes 1-30 on microfiche, and should be able to give you some final information, including prices, etc., before long, but the information is not yet available.

Regarding the payment--according to officials at Penn State, the payment should be made to "The Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen of the Pennsylvania State University, Dept. No. 424--04, Fund No. 2355." I have tried out the idea of bank account number, but this has met a stone wall of opposition--we just don't do that!

As I said above, we do not have the information on the cost of the microfiche for Volumes 1-30 yet, but that should be forthcoming soon.

I hope I have interpreted your letter correctly. This batch of the Catalog constitutes approximately 1/4 of the total number of volumes printed, and seems to me an appropriate "slug" of the total for your payment in this year of grace. We propose not to put the Catalog on microfiche beyond Volume 30 until those volumes are out of print--otherwise, we fear we would be left with unsold stock, which would ruin us. I will be in touch with you about the microfiche business as soon as we get more data, which should not be very long. Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
Editor, CFSP

AT:jb
cc: Mrs. S. Winter

July 26, 1976

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinologicas
Apartado Postal 244
Léon, Spain

Dear Dr. Cramer:

This is to acknowledge formally your standing order to the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen. We are sending you immediately Volumes 31 to 39 in Option D (looseleaf binders). Volume 40 is in press, and you should receive it separately before long.

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I hope I have interpreted your letter correctly. This batch of the Catalog constitutes approximately 1/2 of the total number of v volumes printed, and seems to me an appropriate "slug" of the total for your payment in this year of grace. We propose not to put more of the Catalog on Microfiche beyond Volume 30 until those volumes are out of print--otherwise, we fear we would be left with unsold stock, ruining a shabby financial proposition beyond repair. It will be in touch with you about the microfiche business as soon as we get more data, which should not be very long. Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology
Editor, CFSP

AT:jb

cc: Mrs. S. Winter



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19 de Junio de 1976

Dr. A. Traverse:
529 Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa. 16802

Dear Dr. Traverse:

- ✓ 1. Would you please enter my standing order to Cat. Foss. Pollen & Spores, in loos-leaf binders, a \$ 32.-- per volume; or on microfilm/fiche if available.
- ✓ 2. Would you please send us a formal acceptance of our standing order.
3. To avoid banker's commissions, and to automatically comply with myriad of foreign currency regulations presently in effect and applicable to us, payment must be made directly from our account to any bank you select. We must, therefore, receive an official invoice for every shipment, detailing the volumes and also listing the - most economical - shipping costs. The invoice must be made out in triplicate and must show the bank and account number to which the payment should be made.
4. Would you please send us a cost estimate of the back copies on microfilm and indicate if we can spread the purchase of the back copies over three years. Upon receipt of this information we will be able to send you a formal order for the back copies.

Sincerely

F.H. Cramer

Dirección para la entrega de Materiales:
I.I.P., Avda. de Mariano Andrés, 41-LEON
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Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

para el correo



El Director
del
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinológicas

(Fundación de la Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de León)

Saluda
a su amigo Alfredo Traverso.
Don't forget the CIAP meeting
~ 10 Sep 77 in León.

Fritz H. Cramer-Diex

se complace en testimoniarle su consideración más
distinguida.

León, de de 197

Mariano Andrés, 41
Teléfono 23 94 70

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April 19, 1976

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer-Diez
Director, El chef, etc., etc.
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinologicas
Apartado Postal 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for yours of 5 April. I am enclosing with this letter our current brochure and subscription price list for the Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen. Unfortunately, many of the back-issues are out of print. Therefore, if you were to sign up for the existing issues and subscribe to the ones forthcoming, perhaps the total amount of money would be in the ball park to which you refer. Failing that, it certainly would be all right, if you explained that you are establishing an on-going subscription and wish to pay for the back copies in small lots. Just sent a letter to my attention saying that that is what you want to do. We also have a plan underway to put the Catalog out on microfiche, and perhaps that would be of interest. More about that later. I presume that I will be hearing from you about this.

Now, regarding your allergy palynology work. That is not exactly my line, either, but perhaps I can help you with a couple of things, though I run the risk of telling you what you already know. The standard text that you will want to take a look at is Wodehouse, R.P. "Hay Fever Plants", Hafner Publishing, 1971, Second edition, 230 pp. Wodehouse's professional work has always been hay fever plants and the production of antigens for pollen allergies, so you should get a good deal of information from the bibliography and whatnot from that book. Presumably if the Inquisition has allowed the development of libraries in Spain by now, you may be able to find this somewhere in your adopted country, but just to give you a leg-up, I am sending you a xerox copy of the bibliography. The next place you should look is the publications of Ogden, of the New York State Museum in Albany. I have a feeling that Ogden would send you publications if you were to write him (Dr. Eugene Ogden, University of the State of New York, Albany, New York). His most recent publication I have in my files is "Travels of Airborne Pollen", January, 1975, which is quite a complete

monograph on your subject of interest, but he has a huge list of publications on which that is only a patch. Let me know how you make out with Ogden and whether the Wodehouse book sounds like something that would be useful. In the meantime, you can get started looking up some of the things in the bibliography. I can hardly imagine you getting that far afield! Best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb

Enclosure: 1) xerox of part of Wodehouse text.
2) brochure on CFSP

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5 de Abril de 1976

Prof. Al. Traverse
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University Park, Pa. 16802

Dear Al:

I don't know if I am addressing this letter to the right person, but if not, would you please forward it to the correct address. Thanks.

We are considering investing some hard-to-earn foreign currency in the Spore Catalog (the green series from Penn State. If I am not mistaken your name figures on the back at least some of the volumes. I had the entire series at F.S.U., but somehow did not take them with me, which is a pity but we just forgot). A number of questions:

1. Subscription price starting with the first issue that appears in 1976.
2. Are there still back-copies, and how much are they?
3. We cannot possibly buy all back copies at once, so if we decided to get them, we would want to buy them in small lots until we have them all. Could that be arranged?.

Another thing I ~~de~~ like to ask you is: we must begin work on allergy palynology. Now, obviously, it presents little practical problems to identify the local aeropollen and particulate contaminants. However, from that point to pharmacopedical palynology (i.e., preparation of immunization "seruwas?") is something I have no idea of, nor do

I know where to look or how to go about finding out. (The "serums" are imported into Spain, hence no help from Bayer or Ciba either) Would you know by any chance of a publication, author, book or whathaveyon that could help me to get started?.

Best wishes

F. H. Cramer

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April 2, 1976

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer-Diez
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinologicas
Apartado Postal 244
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Yours of 25-III just came and was delightful--like a visit with you--I am glad to hear the publications are on the way. I am still puzzled by "Amoco..." etc., but will try to understand.

You advocate "burying" ~~the~~ "dedication" on a reprint--but I can't recall anything about it--maybe you couldn't read my writing (nobody can) or something. Perhaps an enemy is trying to sabotage me--?

In the meantime, Ms. Delafell (can't remember how to spell it and don't have notes here) has ~~visited~~ and made an excellent impression. She has a good chance of admission. She sure is a Cramer fan! Seemed a little high strung. Charming personality. Obviously intelligent.

Would like to attend CIMP per your suggestion but can't imagine where \$ would come from. You don't have to sell me on a trip to Spain, old man--you take me for an idiot? Regards to all your crowd.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb



El Director
del
Instituto de Investigaciones Palinológicas

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Saluda a su

Compañero Alfredo Traverso and answers his letter of 18 March. Had you ever seen a sample of this great Spanish institution the "Saluda"? Just for fun I got some printed up. They are used more or less as inter office memos between colleagues at different institutes, universities etc.

Now regarding the reprints: About a week ago we sent, surface mail a copy of our Thore paper and a copy of a Kasba Tashla note. Takes about 6 weeks to get there.

The amicosporites paper, of which we have only one copy left, will be xeroxed and we'll send it to

Fritz H. Cramer-Diex

se complace en testimoniarte su consideración más distinguida.

León, 25 de marzo de 1975

you. surface mail probably. The change from
Amicosporites miserabilis to Amicosporites
splendidus was forced upon me by Bill Walton
at Pan American on pain of immediate dismissal
if I refused to ^{make the} change they demanded. As I was
going to leave anyway within a few weeks (which
Walton did not know, but some of my squealing
palynologist colleagues, ^{at Pan Am} did know and subsequently
told Walton) I never made the change in one paper,
but somehow in another Amico etc slipped through.

Regarding my reaction some time ago: it referred
to a dedication (you) put on a reprint which sounded
rather hasty and was interpreted as ~~to~~ meaning to be
hasty by the 7 people on our staff. Let's bury it.

The CIMP León meeting will be from 4 to 10
September 77. Try to raise the \$ and make the jump
to pretty (inexpensive for U.S. \$ carrying tourists!) sunny
Spain. We have chosen the 4-10 interval so that it
can be glued onto a holiday trip to the Costa Pórrava.
In fact, we suspect that many will use the meeting
to pay for (part of) the holiday travel expenses. Who
knows, perhaps you can ^{don't know how you write that} fenagle something similar.
Madrid is a lot nicer than L.A. or Miami and the
Mediterranéé is nicer than the Cal. Pacific or the
Gulf of Mexican ^{S.F.}

Best wishes

February 5, 1976

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto Palinológico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Leon
Plaza de San Marcelo, Apartado 244
Leon, SPAIN

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for yours of 13 January (I guess). I usually keep xerox or carbon copies of all of my letters, but have been unable to find what it was that provoked the most interesting and detailed essay contained within the covers of your letter. I hasten to report that I am not a xenophobe, either in general or with respect to your (adopted) country in particular. I would even point out that I am not a native-born American! In any event, I would be most happy to be able to attend the CIMP Congress in 1977 if that were possible. I can't at the moment imagine where the cash might come from. I also assure you I never intentionally dropped you from any mailing list. I remember when you sent out those label deals at the time you moved to Spain and resolving to be sure to keep in touch! This is still my firm intention. Best wishes to you and Carmino in 1976 and always, and thanks very much for a very interesting letter!

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb



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13 Enero 1976

Prof. Dr. Alfred Traverse
529 Deike Building
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Dear Al:

Yes, somehow I must have been dropped from your mailing list. Which is a pity because I have always liked - and still do, in fact - to read your papers though they used to be a bit outside my geological interval.

As to the political climate here, referred to in your dedication of the paper on the Hartford Basin (thanks!) I am here now one year, and am setting up what - in a decade - will be quite a large paragon governmental organization. Notice that I have not been forced to swear a loyalty oath to (a) the Spanish Constitution; (b) the Governor of Spain or León; (c) the Institutions of the State, etc. (In order to keep my job in that great State of Florida, I had to do so repeatedly from 1966 to 1973); neither have I been forced to annually sign (even though declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court) some form indicating that (a) I am not a member of the Communist Party, nor (b) (what is still more evil big brotherism come to think of it) that I have no sympathy nor will show it in deed or thought (!) to the principles set forth or enacted by said party. Notice that in order to avoid harassment, I had to "voluntarily" sign this unconstitutional document every year until 1973 in that great, fascist State of Florida (had I not signed I would have been framed by the fascist lackeys of Dupont which rule the South of the U.S. By refusing to sign this unconstitutional statements, I would have lost my job and my pension "rights". This is not a paranoid fear from my part as you can convince yourself of by checking the dismissals of tenured faculty (i.e., non-signers) from Gainesville and Tally Towne in 1970,1,2). I can frankly say that I have never been interfered with here in Spain although I have been, and very nastily, in Florida.

Another bit of interest. As reported in Time, in Spain one must ask for permission to hold a demonstration (and even unfavorably considered demonstrators receive permission). Obviously, if the demonstrators start to sack shops they are dispersed. Thoroughly; in this I see very little difference between Spain and the U.S. where, as you know, a demonstration must remain in the streets/general area assigned to it. In Spain no such limitations exist. They are free to go where they please so long as they obey the laws.

I also have found, at least in the industrialized northern two thirds of the country, that relatively many more women hold positions of



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responsability (banks, shops, professors, mayors, lawyers, accountants) than in Fla, Ala, Ga, or Tex (Tejas), or - from what I remember - in N.Y. The society here is in all respects more integrated than what you have in the U.S., Time's slanted reporting notwithstanding (as to the objectivity of Time, you need only to check its arithmetic in its - Atlantic - issue of 8 December which covered some Spanish statistics in which for example Time reports 16% illiteracy in Spain while even the U.N. admits that it is no more than 3%. Practically all of which are 60 years and over.

Furthermore unlike in Florida, in Spain, Religion is separated from the State. And according to freely published (non-governmental) information it are the U.S. - paid proselitizers who are actively trying to subvert the Spanish way of life by trying - and often succeeding - to corrupt, pay-off, blackmail people in attaching their signatures to all kind of statements and resolutions. Mind that these are invariably in American and equally invariably the attached translations differ from the original. And just as U.S. citizens on the whole don't speak well any language, Spaniards generally speak no English either. So, they are tricked into signing something they have had no chance to read.

As far as I know, no Spanish-paid fanatics run around in the U.S. paying U.S. citizens to become lackeys to the Spanish industry or fanatic right-or-wrong-opposers of anything the U.S. government does. However, the contrary (U.S. citizens interfering with practically all aspects of Spanish life) it quite prevalent. Note that a good deal of the money with which the terrorists are paid comes from U.S. religious sources. Spain or the Spanish Catholic Church on the other hand does not pay the Black Panthers, Weathermen et al., neither does Spain support the U.S. communists just as Mr. Kissinger's C.I.A. is actively doing in Spain (fe: Washington Post, + 5 Jan. 1976). But of course the U.S. is free to meddle where it pleases as it defends "freedom" and imposes it upon us whether we want it or not - for our own good. Well, we don't want it. We want to be left alone.

But, all I have written here must not be believed on my word. You should see for yourself and compare the information supplied by the U.S. news monopolies to its U.S. news-pulp-osmosing-mental-amoebae and U.S. idiot-box-watchers, with what you can see for yourself, freely, here. I hope you will come over.

In September 1977 there will be a C.I.M.P. Congress in León; if you attend you can see for yourself how we live our miserable, oppressed lives here. You are very welcome. You might actually be able to buy here the books that are unavailable in the U.S. By reselling them you might make quite a profit.

Best wishes for 1976.

Saludos Federico

*documentation
ETA process
against army
"Wilson" source of
(a) Normans
(b) Jehova's
Documentation
available from hamiltons
of public process.*

Carmina and I have decided to accept jobs in Spain in a newly created and still unnamed institute that will make use of the blessings of stratigraphic palynology for the Province of Leon in particular.

The "institute" is at this moment little more than a generous budget and a mail box. But we expect to have hired the core of our personnel and the administration by January 1975; the laboratory will be at least in part operational in the middle of 1975. The lab should be fully equipped and running in the beginning of 1976.

Our transfer gives a good chance to get rid of a great deal of useless, antiquated or expensive ways of handling material, one of which is our present reprint mailing system (system?). We have decided to change it completely and use a simple acknowledgement-of-receipt system, the return address of which will be used as the mailing label for the next batch of reprints.

So that we can get this all organized quickly, would you please print your name and exact mailing address on the two attached mailing labels and send them back, airmail preferably, to our SPANISH address*.

Best wishes,

Fritz H. Cramer y Diez

* Fritz H. Cramer / Maria del Carmen R. Diez Rodriguez
Instituto Palinológico
Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad
Plaza de San Marcelo 5
Leon, Spain

Caveat captor

November 14, 1974

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Instituto Palynológico
Caja de Ahorros y Monete de Piedad
Plaza de San Marcelo 5
Leon, Spain

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for the reprints which arrived some time ago on chitinozoans and acritarchs. I certainly appreciate your continuing to think of me and to keep me informed of what you are doing. I am very sorry that circumstances probably predicate that we will not be seeing each other so often in the future and, in particular, I missed you at the Calgary meeting.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/vsi

November 25, 1973

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer-Diez
Department of Geology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear Fritz:

Thanks for the two reprints on chitinozoans which came recently. I had, of course, seen the one in the Journal of Paleontology earlier and admired the workman like job, but I do not customarily look at Ameghiniana. It certainly is interesting that the Malvinas Island stuff consists entirely of chitinozoans and miospores. I suppose it must mean that this is a fresh water assemblage, right?

You missed a very fine meeting in Anaheim, and we missed you. Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi



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Dr. Alfred Traverse,
Deike Building,
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University Park,
Pa 16802. U.S.A.

17th August 1972.

Dear Al,

Thank you very much for the many comments and improvements on the proposal. I knew from Mike, when I last spoke to him, that you had sent us the letter but an actual copy of the letter took until yesterday to get here. The FPO system is apparently somewhat slow. Meanwhile Mike and Carmen have incorporated your critique in the proposal. In fact, very little of the original proposal is left but it sure is a much better one now.

We all do appreciate very much the time you have spent doing this for us and we hope we will be able to return the favour. At any rate we will see each other in R.I. next October I guess.

As you know, I am in Morocco setting up this palynological lab for the B.R.P.M. (some kind of bureaucratic rake-off designed to rip-off foreign oil companies). The lab is progressing at micro-snails pace and the bureaucracy is really quite fantastic. It is an order of magnitude worse than Turkey which I thought up to now held the uncontested crown.

But, the beach is nice, good outcrops and numerous visits of the Marrakesh Express. In short, a memorable stay.

Thanks again....and till October,

Best wishes,

Fritz

FRITZ H. CRAMER DIEZ



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY TALLAHASSEE 32306

Department of Geology

June 27, 1972

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University Park, Penn. 16802

Dear Al:

This is the proposal I spoke to you about when I called you. Don't get discouraged when you see its size; the proposal paper is a little bit over eight pages thick, but that includes the abstract. The rest is no more than back-up information, which you might read if you are interested; I have included it so that you get the entire proposal.

The budget contains a fair number of errors, a decimal comma in the overhead is wrong for instance, but the amounts requested are correct, give or take five percent.

Wherever you see Gondwana, read Pangea. I realized this mistake when we had finished typing. I believe we scratched most of the Gondwanas out. In text figures three and four we shall use black squares instead of dots; this will make the figures less confusing.

On page 1972C-19 (if you have managed to read this far), we will omit reference 26 altogether. I was rather angry when I wrote this paper, and I forgot to take this little "dig" out.

Al, your helping me with the proposal will be very much appreciated. If there is anything we all can reciprocate with, please write me and I shall try to get it done.

Best wishes and many thanks,

Fritz H. Cramer-Diez
Associate Professor

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July 31, 1972

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer-Diez
Department of Geology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear Fritz:

It has taken me much too long to complete my review of your proposal, but that seems to be about the way things generally go. I am not pulling any punches, in pugilistic jargon, and I do hope that this will not mean that my effort to be helpful to you will instead ruin a previously beautiful friendship.

As you ~~are~~ probably are aware, the proposal is badly in need of editorial revision. This is not to say that it is a poor proposal. In fact, my opinion is that it is an excellent piece of work and that if I were reviewing it formally, I would certainly recommend it being funded. However, my guess is that its likelihood of being recommended for such funding would be much improved if changes such as those I am recommending were made. Without further discussion I believe I will just refer you to my editorial comments, which are submitted herewith on separate pages. I do look forward to seeing you and your charming wife at the Rhode Island meetings. I am hoping to bring Betty (my wife) along again this year, and perhaps we could all have dinner together one night. In the meantime, best wishes to you both.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi

Enclosure: editorial comments on proposal

Comments on proposal of F.H. Cramer-Diez

N.B.: Some additional comments are penciled in red on the proposal itself, which is returned herewith.

General:

I believe considerable reorganization is called for. For one thing, each page should have its own number. If you wish to retain the decimal coding of paragraphs in addition, I see no harm in that, but I believe that pagination should be added without doubt. Furthermore, the proposal-proper should definitely be double spaced, not single spaced. The various appendices should be clearly labelled *as such,* with a numbered caption sheet for each appendix. In other words, there should be a sheet before each appendix saying "Appendix X," and then an explanation of what the appendix is and perhaps a word or two about why it's there. My comments about double-spacing apply also to your Table of Contents.

Abstract

1.24 (and other places): Instead of "proponents", you should use the word proposers, or, better, the principal investigator (s).

Also, I am puzzled by the use of pronouns. Sometimes you say "our" as if it were a dual proposal. If you intend to make it a dual proposal it should be so listed even on the title page, and you should consistently keep up the image of it being a dual proposal. On the other hand, if Carmen is an associate but not actually one of the proposers, you should be consistent about that too and say "I" rather than "we".

p. 2: I suggest much more stress on the applications of the results, and I would therefore omit numbers 3 & 4 from the request items on this page. The fact that you wish to support people and your laboratory will be obvious from your budget [^] need not be stated at this point.

p. 3: Note here that only Fritz is listed as "principal investigator", and compare this with the use of "our" and proposers at other places as discussed above.

Figure 1

a. The breaks in some of the words which are hyphenated are not correct English and make your work look sub-professional.

b. Why all of the "+s"? This is very confusing, though you may have reasons for keeping the grid pattern in. Personally, it would read better to take them out.

[^]
I think

Text-fig. 4 caption

You should change the "Gondwana" statement. It is so obvious in the text-figure caption that it makes you look ridiculous. Settle on what terminology you want to use and be consistent.

"J.T. Wilson (1966)" does not seem to be in the bibliography, nor does "Dewey & Bird (1970)". I am not calling attention to all of these by any means. Look for some misspellings which I have noted in red pencil. In this section I found a number of additional bibliographic citations which do not appear in the literature cited, and the more I think about it the more I am wondering whether a combined bibliography for the whole proposal, including appendices, might not be a good idea. In any event, the bibliography is one of the parts of this proposal which is in the worst shape and needs careful checking.

6.3 Benefits

This section is good but should be toned down in ways that I have commented on before as well as to be a little less ga-ga about some of your plans. Look for red penciled indications of misspellings, split infinitives, etc.

6.5

Paragraph 3 does not sound sufficiently professional, and I believe could be combined with paragraph 4 with profit, leaving out the question of how long it takes to prepare a sample and so on.

6.7

This should also be toned down so that the claims do not seem so extravagant. I am not questioning the veracity of the statements but only the political advisability of making them.

7.1.1

For professional purposes I would strongly urge you to use Fritz H. Cramer, and forget all of the other various versions of your name. It is quite confusing, as explained above, to have more than one version of your name floating around in the professional literature, no matter what your reasons may be for wanting to do otherwise (look at what Dr. Bharadwaj has done to us with his change to that name from Bhardwaj, a change which was made for what seemed to him to be a good numerological reason).

7.1.2

This section needs to be revamped. You should give your professional history first with inclusive dates for your various positions. Your previously obtained grants should be listed separately, and then there should be a third list of honors and other things.

7.1.3

As I have commented previously, the bibliography is in bad shape. It appears at first glance that this is a bibliography for the proposal, and it should be much more clear that it is simply a personal bibliography for Fritz Cramer. The best way to handle this sort of thing really is to put all the personal information about Fritz Cramer into an appendix clearly labeled as supporting information regarding professional history of Dr. Fritz H. Cramer. At the very least this section, 7.1.3, should definitely say "Bibliography of Cramer."

7.3.1

I question very seriously whether Chaiffetz should be listed as co-investigator, even if Carmen should, which I would also question. I believe I would list him as a graduate assistant, but I believe giving his chronology and bibliography is a good idea, and I would say the same thing for Carmen. Perhaps you have reasons for doing what you have done, but they are not very obvious to me.

Incidentally, the second page of Chaiffetz's bibliography shows the need of page numbers and other identifying symbols. This page should probably say, in addition to a page number, "Chaiffetz bibliography, continued."

8.0

I would strongly urge the deletion of the sentence which I have put in red brackets. It does not seem complimentary to the department, however true it may be, and I think will quite likely ~~cost~~ ^{cause} trouble.

Budget

I suggest that you give no details whatsoever on travel. The less details you give, the less trouble you are likely to have with future accounting.

Paper added as an appendix should definitely have a title sheet: "Appendix I..., etc."

1972C-14 (future research)

A much more sober statement is needed, avoiding "biased reporting"-- that sort of thing makes you look like a palynological Spiro Agnew.

1972C-15

Regarding acknowledgements--in a proposal these should be avoided, but I suppose this is really part of the appendix. I wonder whether, if so, it should not be deleted anyway. There really is a difficult problem for the reader in deciding where the appendix is strictly appendix, and where it is intended to refer to the main part of the proposal, and you will have to do something to make this less troublesome.

1972C-16

Here we have some more examples of "colorful writing", which should be avoided in a proposal, though I personally would welcome them in other papers. "Only and exclusively" is redundant, "determinators" is not good English.

"Sturdy taxa" is not good usage, because it is the specimens not the taxon about which you are talking.

Your arguments in favor of systematic work in paleopalynology are exceedingly good. You should pull them together and get them up front where the reader who does not plow through this very long and complex proposal will still see them. They should definitely appear in the abstract because they are one of your best arguments in requesting support.

Conclusion

As I said earlier, this is a very fine proposal in my opinion, and only needs to be thoroughly edited and regrouped here and there in order to make a more favorable impression on the reader. With such changes--I don't think they would really be too major in terms of time they require--I have every reason to expect you will get good consideration.

November 18, 1971

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Department of Geology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear Fritz:

Thanks so much for the smashing poster about the Mexican palynological meeting. Too bad that it was so close on the heels of ours and that it was not more widely publicized. I would certainly have liked to have gone. In any case, the poster is a great addition to my collection for "parapalynology". Looking forward to seeing you again sometime when there is more chance for a real visit, I am with best wishes for the holiday season

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

TALLAHASSEE 32306

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

Dear Al:

I am just back from four months of fieldwork + busy as hell. This is the reference to the acritarch thing.

I hope I can make it to Tucson and see you there

Sincerely

Andy Cramer

October 6, 1971

Dr. Fritz H. Cramer
Department of Geology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida, 32306

Dear Fritz:

Can you tell me how to go about ordering a copy of your volume on Silurian acritarchs of Spain, which I believe was in the Spanish review of micropaleontology in 1970? What I would need, I suppose, is a more exact reference, as well as the place from which it should be ordered.

Hoping to see you in Tucson, I am

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

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THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

TALLAHASSEE 32306

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

June 8, 1970

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

Dear Al:

The attached xerox copy gives you the abstract of the paper I should like to read at the A.A.S.P. conference.

The title is: "Spatial and chronological arrangement of Silurian palynofacies."

I will need 35 mm projection equipment.

Best wishes,



Fritz H. Cramer

I have sent also a copy to Colin

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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THE JOURNAL OF GEOLOGY

March 3, 1970

Editorial Office

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

Dear Sir:

The enclosed manuscript: "Acritarchs from the Ross Brook Formation, Nova Scotia" by Fritz H. Cramer,

has been submitted to the JOURNAL OF GEOLOGY for publication and your name has been suggested as a reviewer. Our Editor, Peter J. Wyllie, would be very pleased to receive your critical evaluation of the manuscript. Review forms and stamped-addressed envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Please acknowledge receipt of the manuscript by returning the bottom half of this letter in the small envelope.

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Yours truly,

F. Rosemary Wyllie

Mrs. F. Rosemary Wyllie
Managing Editor

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Author: Fritz H. Cramer

Title: "Acritarchs from the Ross Brook Formation, Nova Scotia"

Comments for author:

It is difficult for me to do a proper review of this paper without the illustrations. Within that limitation, I have a few comments:

I think it is a shame to do so much work on samples, the exact position of which is not known. Why could not more precisely located samples have been obtained?

I would insist that the title be changed to include the word "Silurian" and the word "chitinozoans"--viz., "Acritarchs and chitinozoans from the ~~Ross Brook Formation~~ Silurian Ross Brook formation, Nova Scotia."

p. 3: Schulze--this should be Schulze's reagent or Schulze's mixture.

p. 4, l. 3: The sentence would be better if it stopped with "... destroyed the microfossils."

p. 4, l. 6: should be clastic sequences.

p. 4, l. 7: Belgian

p. 6, l. 10: What does "prune the collection" mean? Suggest another expression.

p. 9, l. 11: "processes obtaining" should perhaps be "processes attaining"?

p. 9: Chitinozoans...I don't understand the way "ancyrochitina" is used here. In the first place, it apparently should read spp. Secondly, it seems as if there should be a colon or some other punctuation after "Chitinozoans".

General comment: the author has overdone the use of abbreviated generic names. This is acceptable in lists, but is annoying in places such as the top of p. 5, where one must look back quite a distance to find out what Do. and De. stand for. In the second paragraph on p. 5, I can see no excuse at all for abbreviating "B." and "L.", since it is not apparent what the genera are. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I will not multiply examples, but the author should go back and supply the whole genus name except in lists or where the genus is mentioned in the same sentence.

Please sign original

Alfred Traverse

Author(s): Fritz H. Cramer

Title: "Acritarchs from the Ross Brook Formation, Nova Scotia"

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March 7, 1969

Dr. Fritz Cramers
Department of Geology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear Fritz:

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 areas 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