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Amoco Production Company

500 Jefferson Building
P.O. Box 3092
Houston, Texas 77001

September 26, 1979

Dr. Alfred Traverse
College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
Pennsylvania State University
435 Deike Building
University Park, PA 16802

Dear Al:

Thank you for sending reprints of your recent publications. I was especially interested in the one on the Devonian-Mississippian transition with Maurice Stree1. I have worked on this interval in Montana and Alaska.

Best Regards,

Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE/jd



Amoco Production Company

Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

February 4, 1976

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geosciences
Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

I'm catching up on my correspondence this week and your letter was on top. Although the palynologists do not use the Mini-scan regularly, it is used almost everyday by the geologists. It is a very useful tool for studying porosity or lack of it in well samples. If it were not being utilized, I'm sure the company would write it off.

This summer I'm scheduled to be on Kodiak Island for about three weeks. It should be a good field season if the weather cooperates. I hope to be able to go to Halifax for the AASP this October. See you there.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:bjm

December 22, 1975

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Amoco Production Company
Security Life Insurance Building
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Don:

Thank you for your good letter of 2 December. If you don't need your Mini-scan, how about donating it to Penn State? I sure could use it, at least for teaching purposes, and see no other way of raising the cash. It would be a great ~~adjust~~ ^{addition} to our program. (I'm serious!--a tax write-off for Amoco)

Best wishes to you for Christmas and the new year.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT:jb



Amoco Production Company

Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

December 2, 1975

Dr. Alfred Traverse
529 Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

Thank you for sending the separates of your recent publications. I was interested to read your comment on withstanding "the temptation to emphasize any more strongly those spectacular SEM pictures." We have a Mini-Scan in Denver but it isn't practical for our everyday work.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:bjm

May 13, 1975

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Amoco Production Company
Security Life Insurance Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Thank you very much for the "Triassic" slide which arrived in good order yesterday. Several of my students have already seen it, and I propose to put it in today's slide show, even though we are really in the Cenozoic! That was a great job of packaging, by the way. Thanks again most profusely. This will really help me in my teaching!

Thanks for the "bon voyage" for the Black Sea trip. I really don't know what to expect from that or whether it will do any good at all but it certainly was an opportunity that I couldn't see turning down.

Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Palynology

AT/vsi



Amoco Production Company

Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

May 5, 1975

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geosciences
Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

I had the "Triassic" slide reproduced a long time ago for you, but forgot to send it. It is enclosed now.

The trip to the Black Sea on the Glomar Challenger sounds great. It should be quite an experience for you.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Engelhardt

January 25, 1973

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Amoco Production Company
Security Life Insurance Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Thank you for yours of 16 January with the copy of letter sent to Norman Hughes. I am naturally very pleased that you would think of me, as I probably made clear at Baton Rouge. I hope that nomination will be tantamount to selection, but with NFH in the saddle I am not going to count on the distinction until it arrives!

Thanks again for your confidence, good wishes, and the very high compliment which my nomination implies. I really do appreciate it very much. Best wishes as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi

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January 16, 1973

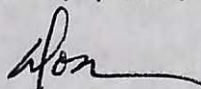
Dr. Alfred Traverse
529 Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

It is my pleasure to nominate you as a representative from the United States to the International Commission for Palynology Council. This service will be for the rest of the term until 1976, as stated in the letter from N. F. Hughes, President of the I.C.P.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I have sent to Norman Hughes.

Very truly yours,



Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:ss
Enclosure

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January 16, 1973

Dr. Norman F. Hughes
Geology Department
Sedgwick Museum
Downing Street
Cambridge, England CB2 3 EQ

Dear Dr. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter offering the position on the I.C.P. Council to make it more regionally representative. I am unable to assume this position, but I have nominated Dr. Alfred Traverse, whom you know, to serve on the ICP Council. Al has served the A.A.S.P. in many capacities since we were formed. He is presently a member of our Committee for International Affairs, and I feel would be an excellent representative from the United States.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:ss

December 7, 1972

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Amoco Production Company
Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Thanks for yours of 27 November. I am flattered to be asked to belong to such a distinguished committee and am pleased to accept.

Hope that everything is going well with you and with best wishes for the holiday season.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology & Biology

AT/vsi



Amoco Production Company

Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

May 11, 1972

Dr. Alfred Traverse
529 Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

I'm finally getting around to acknowledging the receipt of the separates of the papers published by you and Doug and Dunay.

This year, so far, has been very hectic with several projects going at the same time. I'm going to have to start finishing some papers for publication which are in various states of completion.

Hope to see you in Rhode Island in October. I'm glad I don't have to plan another meeting this year.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:sk



Amoco Production Company

Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

August 17, 1971

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

Dear Al;

Our secretary is busy typing the multiliths for the abstracts so I have to do my own typing this morning--please excuse any mistakes. I wanted to keep you posted with the happenings for the AASP meeting.

I have received all of the abstracts except one but I am minus four of the data sheets. One is from Fred May, could you have him send one to me?

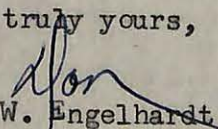
I am enclosing a copy of the schedule of events. I have planned the Executive meeting for 3:00 on October 12th. If there is a violent objection it can be changed. The Kent-Cambridge Company is going to have one of their new SEM 600 models set up on the campus for our use and anyone who would like to work with it can schedule a time.

The Business meeting and Luncheon are set for the 14th (12:00-2:00) which should give us sufficient time to conduct the necessary business. It is fine if Harry and Geoff want to summarize the Novosibirsk meeting at that time. We have a half hour leeway before the afternoon session begins.

The evening of the 13th is left open for people to do whatever they wish. The smoker will be the last event before the field trips on Saturday. Everything is planned for the trips and they should be very good.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Very truly yours,


Donald W. Engelhardt

October 12th

Registration 5 - 8 p.m.

Meet Your Executive - Cash bar 7 - 10 p.m.

Executive Meeting ~~3:00 p.m.?~~
12:00 m.

October 13

Registration 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Symposium 9:00 - 12:30
2:30 - 4:30

October 14

Open House 7:30 - 10:00 { On the Hill

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 { and Geology

Technical Sessions

9:00 - 12:00

12:00 - 2:00 Business and Luncheon

2:30 - 5:00

October 15

Technical Sessions

9:00 - 12:00

2:00 - 5:00

Smoker and Cash Bar 8:30 p.m.

2 tickets at door

October 16th

Field Trips

October 14

9:00 A.M. Cretaceous - F.X. Miller

Welcome by President

9:20 1. Brideaux

9:40 2. Evitt

10:00 3. Felix + Burbridge

10:20 Coffee Break

10:40 4. Habib

11:00 5. May + Traverse

11:20 6. Stanley

11:40 7. Hills, Sweet, + Wall

12:00 - 2:00 Business Meeting
and Luncheon

P.M. Tertiary - L. Urban

2:30 8. Florer

2:50 9. Nichols

3:10 10. Sparks, Walowick, + Ballog

3:30 11. Stewart

3:50 Coffee Break

4:10 12. Ting

4:30 13. Shaffer

4:50 14. Garner + Bryant

5:10 Session Ends

October 15

A.M. Quaternary - Terasmae

9:00 15. Heusser

9:20 16. McAndrews, Boyke + McGowan

9:40 17. Mehringer

10:00

18. Mott

10:20 Coffee Break

10:40 19. Traverse

11:00 7

11:20 20. Solomon + Hays

29. Wall + Dale

11:40 30. Martin, King, + Sigleo

12:00 - 2:00 Lunch

P.M. Precretaceous - Winslow ?

2:00 21. Trindade

2:20 22. Nagy

2:40 23. Warg + Traverse

3:00 24. Millay + Taylor

3:20 Coffee Break

3:40 25. Horowitz

4:00 26. Urban

4:20 27. Nieves + Kremp

4:40 28. Dunay + Traverse

5:00 31. Linton

5:20 32. ? Hart +

5:30 Session Ends



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August 13, 1971

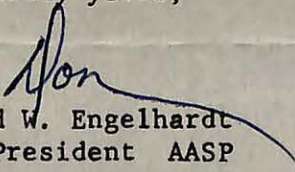
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Professor of Geology and Biology
Deike Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Dr. Traverse:

Each person desiring publication of his contribution to the technical session of the A.A.S.P. Annual Meeting in Tucson should bring a copy of his manuscript to the meeting for submission to the Editor.

Prompt submission of manuscripts will facilitate publication of the Proceedings and will eliminate the long interval before publication previously caused by late submission of manuscripts.

Very truly yours,


Donald W. Engelhardt
Vice-President AASP

" July, 1971

J. J. W. Engelburt, et.

Dear You:

Secretary gone home, no luck reaching
you by phone (because of strike?) ----
so (hope you can read it!) ----

Just got a deadline from Tomah
Smiley that reports me a bit — request
for abstract and other info re papers
due 1 August. That is much too
early and will put people off, based
on our experience in '69 — 1 Sept would
be plenty early and would not be so
unreasonable — I strongly urge a follow-up

letter extending the time for final abstracts
etc. to 1 Sept

Besides, the form from Ted does not
differentiate between the descriptive
statements we (all) sent in earlier and
the actual abstracts — the latter
and more complete
would be different, this should have
been emphasized in the form — otherwise
some people would probably use the
brief descriptive statement as an abstract —
they were not that informative. (I wrote
mine as a very general statement of what
I would probably talk about — which
is what seemed to be required.)

In brief, I suggest a follow-up, changing
date to 1 Sept and clearly differentiating between
descriptive statement and ^{final} abstract. However —
I only suggest — it is your program. work! As us. All

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April 9, 1970

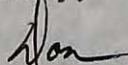
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Department of Geology
Deike Building
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Al:

I'm glad that you had good results with the maceration of the Florissant samples. We had processed them and had beautiful material also. After looking at the material, I also wondered about any published information on the pollen floras and did some checking with Bob Tschudy. Bob told me that Estella Leopold had worked on the material but had not published any thing on it, so, F. X. Miller and I are working up a publication. The only reference I could find was some work by W. S. Ting which was included in the paper, "Laminations of the Oligocene Florissant Lake Deposits, Colorado: by Carol McLeroy and Roger Anderson. It appeared in the Geol. Soc. America Bull. V. 77, p. 605-618, June 1966.

I hope that this information will be of some use to you. It is strange that a formation that has over 200 publications about it, does not have one about the pollen flora.

Cordially,



Donald W. Engelhardt

March 27, 1970

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

You may remember some time ago sending me a batch of samples from the famous Florissant locality, west of Colorado Springs. In the palynology course here last term, I assigned one of the students ^{AP} project of making macerations of some of the material and was really startled by the beautiful preservation and abundance of palynomorphs. The material will be very useful to me in future teaching, and I very much appreciate having it. By the way, could you help my ailing memory on the subject and give me a literature reference to whatever has been published on the pollen floras. I know about the megafossil work, of course.

Spent a couple of days with Canright recently in Arizona, and your name naturally was among those involved in the reminiscing. He seems to have a very fine position and comfortable life in Tempe! Best wishes to you as always.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology
and Biology

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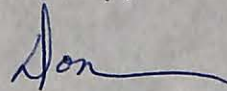
January 3, 1967

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

Dear Al,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the reprint of your publication entitled, "Palynology of the Surface Sediments of Great Bahama Bank, as Related to Water Movement and Sedimentation."

Sincerely,



Donald W. Engelhardt

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December 7, 1967

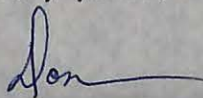
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Dept. of Geology and Geophysics
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al,

I have recently received permission to publish the work I did for the Company on the recent sediments in the Gulf of Mexico off Mississippi and Alabama. I have been trying to acquire some published material on recent sediments and wondered if you have any reprints of your article published in conjunction with Ginsberg in 1966. Joe Guennel gave the reference to your paper in Marine Geology and said that it would be an excellent paper to read.

If you have any separates of this article, I would greatly appreciate receiving one. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Donald W. Engelhardt

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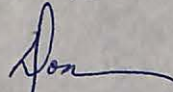
June 6, 1967

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

Dear Al,

I acknowledge the receipt of the reprint of your recent paper published in conjunction with Robert Ginsburg entitled, "Palynology of the surface sediments of Great Bahama Bank, as related to water movement and sedimentation."

Cordially,



Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:kb

March 22, 1967

Dr. Don W. Engelhardt
Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Did I tell you that the series of packets of Florissant material arrived? Well, they did, and in good order. I have been rereading MacGinitie's work on the Florissant, and the more I read it, the more I can't understand why I didn't have a crack at the pollen in the stuff years ago. I am pretty sure that the reason is that at the time when I would have been most interested in doing so, MacGinitie (whom I know very well) was working on the pollen himself and told me that Estella was also working on it, and I got the impression that the room was a little crowded. One of these days when I have some time, I think I'll run up some of your samples and finally have a look.

You asked about the "can"--it was done with an ordinary farm-type can sealer that clamps on a table and can be bought at any rural type hardware store.

Thanks for the samples and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology

AT:kaw

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March 6, 1967

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

Dear Al,

Your letter and the sample of Brandon Lignite arrived last Friday. Thank you for sending the sample. How did you get it "canned"? It's the first time I ever received canned samples.

I'm enclosing six samples from the Florissant Formation which I collected last November. Samples No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are from the Snare Ranch, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 25, T 13S-R 71W. The locations are shown on the map. The samples are collected from the units described by MacGinitie (1953) Carnegie Institute Publication 599 on "Fossil Plants from the Florissant Beds," page 8.

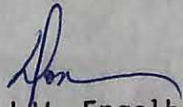
1. Unit 1 ? - Difficult to get exact placement but below paper shales.
2. Four feet above No. 1 - possibly Unit 2.
3. Unit 8
4. Unit 10
5. Unit 1 ? - Lower Twin Rock Road
6. Two feet above No. 5

Samples 1, 3, and 4 yielded good assemblages. Samples 2, 5, and 6 had some palynomorphs but a lot of plant debris. Sample 1 also contained abundant Pediastrum.

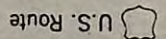
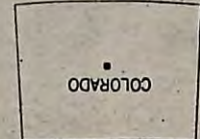
Estella Leopold has worked on the Florissant but has never done anything with it, not even a USGS open-file report.

Thanks again for the BL sample.

Sincerely yours,


Donald W. Engelhardt
Senior Paleontologist

Enclosure



Unimproved dirt

Light-duty

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COLORADO SHOWN

CRIPPLE CREEK NOK

February 28, 1967

Dr. Don W. Engelhardt
Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Security Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Well--a month to the day it has taken me. Getting to be the story!

I have sent you under separate cover a small sample of the Brandon lignite. I fear that your reaction may be like that of my teenage son when the portions at dinner don't come up to expectations: "Are you sure you can spare it?" Over the years, the stocks of the BL have suffered some attrition. This one comes from material originally stored under moist sawdust to retard drying and freezing in the field, and may be a little contaminated, but the Brandon is so pollen-rich, that one modern grass grain in 10,000 Tertiary grains shouldn't really bother too much.

Yes, indeed, some Florissant material in exchange would be most interesting. Hasn't somebody "done" the Florissant? Jane Gray? Estella Leopold? I had such a recollection from some time ago.

Good to reestablish contact with you.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology

AT:kaw

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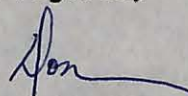
January 27, 1967

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

Dear Al,

I've been doing some work on samples I collected from the Florissant Formation. The pollen flora is pretty good and has many elements similar to the Brandon Lignite. Do you happen to have any samples of the lignite that I could process. I would like to compare the taxa to the Florissant. I'll send you some Florissant material in exchange if you would like to have it.

Best regards,



Don W. Engelhardt

DWE:kb

18 December, 1966

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Security Life Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Don:

Many thanks for yours of 12 December with the reprints and the copy of the original ms.. for the Cockfield paper--I really appreciate this courtesy.

Seasons greetings and all that.

Yours very truly,

AL

Alfred Traverse

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December 12, 1966

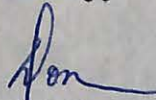
Dr. Alfred Traverse
Dept. of Geology and Geophysics
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al,

I received your letter of December 5. I'm enclosing a copy of the original manuscript of the Cockfield Formation paper. The supply of reprints was exhausted so I had a couple of copies made up.

Also, enclosed are a couple other papers which I can't remember if I sent you separates of. I'm trying to continue the work on the Cockfield from other localities and some interglacial deposits from Indiana when I can find time.

Cordially,



Donald W. Engelhardt

DWE:kb

Enclosures

5 December, 1966

Dr. Donald W. Enghardt
Pan American Petroleum Corp.
P. O. Box 591
Tulsa 2, Oklahoma

Dear Don:

Good to see you again in S. F., even tho' it didn't provide an opportunity for a visit. At any rate, we have reestablished contact.

Do you have reprints, perchance, of your paper, "Plant microfossils from the Cockfield Fm., Mississippi"-- or something that resembles that title--I am relying on memory? I seem to recall that it was published about 1964 by Mississippi Geological Survey.

If you do have reprints to spare, I would really appreciate two of them. I have a graduate student who is working on Wilcox material. He would, I am sure, appreciate a copy also.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Alfred Traverse

26 Sept., 1966

Dr. Donald W. Engelhardt
Pan American Petroleum Corporation
Denver, Colorado

Dear Don,

Hope this reaches you. Perhaps you could send me a more recent address? Especially, a more accurate one!

Just read your paper, "Rugae...Alaska", in Pollen et Spores. Very interesting contribution. Would you tolerate one negative criticism?--Following practically everybody, you give the locations of your fossils on slides, stating only that they are taken from a Leitz Ortholux. Since the mechanical stages on all microscopes can be moved with a screwdriver and at will and since no two of them come set precisely the same way from the factory, it is necessary to give a reference point on the slide. (See my paper in Micropaleontology, 4 (1958) p. 207.) Nicht wahr?

Hope you are well. Look forward to meeting you again one of these days. I just returned from the International Palynological Conference. Very interesting and profitable.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

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