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January 6, 1970

Mr. William Kaufmann
W.H. Freeman & Company
660 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Bill:

Thanks for yours of 23 December. I have put through an order for the 100 copies of the laboratory exercises, and that should do the trick. Who knows?-- the rest of the laboratory exercise may do me some good too!

Wish we could have got together for a New Year's Eve libation of some sort, but I guess I will have to make do with my memories of pleasant times with you in the past. May 1970 bring you prosperity and peace.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology
and Biology

AT:kc



December 23, 1969

Professor Alfred Traverse
Deike Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter and your greetings, the latter of which I send back to you with equal warmth.

It turns out that the very cheapest way for you to purchase the maps you need would be to buy 100 copies of the laboratory separate that includes the map. The separate exercises cost 25¢ each. The one which includes the map would probably be of little use to you, but it would cost even more to separate out the maps and sell them to you than it would be worth. To try to ship negatives and have a small printing made for your own use would also cost more.

Let us know if you would like to order 100 copies of the exercise and map, and we shall get them off to you promptly.

It was good seeing you, even briefly, in Seattle. Some day I hope to get back to Penn State; and when I do, I'll look you up. Meanwhile, all best wishes.

Sincerely,

William Kaufmann

WK:rja
(Laboratory separate #219)

December 12, 1969

Mr. William Kaufmann
W.H. Freeman and Company
660 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Bill:

Aside from seasonal greetings, which I most cordially extend to you and yours, the purpose of this is to ask a probably unreasonable favor!

Our mutual friend, Rob Scholten, leads me to believe that you may be able to help me. I very much need 100 copies of a map which appears in the Miller and Scholten lab manual. It is the "geologic map of the Bellefonte Quadrangle, Pa.", with a marginal geologic sectional presentation bearing the names of the local formations. Rob thinks it might be possible for me to purchase from you 100 copies of said map and, if it would, I would be very grateful. We need the maps for use in a research project on some microfossils which I hope to get under way here quite soon. Another possibility I suppose, would be that you might be willing to let me have the master, negative, or what have you.

Please pass on my regards to our mutual friends whom you may see. Needless to say, Rob Scholten asks me to extend his to you.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology & Biology

AT:kc

December 5, 1967

Mr. Bill Kaufmann
W.H. Freeman Company
660 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Bill:

Sorry I never got close enough to you to talk in New Orleans. It's always good to chat with old friends.

Purpose of this letter is to beg a copy of the reprint "Fossil Behavior" (or something of the sort) which you all were giving away (or so I have heard) at the meeting. If you still have any left, I would like to have one.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse
Associate Professor of Geology

AT:kwc



December 8, 1967

Professor Alfred Traverse
Catalog of Fossil Spores and Pollen
Deike Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

We are happy to send^{*} you a copy of
"Fossil Behavior" plus a complete listing
of all of the Offprints that are now avail-
able.

I, too, am sorry we were unable to talk
longer at the meetings. I doubt that I shall
have a chance to visit Penn State during the
coming year, but I hope I can count on seeing you
next November in Mexico City.

Best regards,

Bill

William Kaufmann

WK:imp

** Separately*

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May 17, 1965

Dr. Alfred Traverse
511 East 47th Street
Austin, Texas 78751

Dear Al:

What good news your letter brought! I am sure your work with Steve Clabaugh and his colleagues will provide mutual pleasure and satisfaction for all of you.

You bet we are interested in your doing a textbook for us. I take it that the need for a book is still as great as it was, or even greater. We can draw up a new contract form at any time embodying the same terms as the earlier one, but since you do not have a complete manuscript all ready to go, presumably that can wait until we can get together to talk things over. I'll be looking forward to a good visit with you next fall, either at the GSA meetings or on campus in Austin.

Best regards,

Bill

William Kaufmann

WK:imb

P. S.

Did you happen to see Simpson's review of the Kummel-Raup HANDBOOK OF PALEONTOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES in Science for April 16? What do you think about the question he raised about the Palynology section -- "...whether publication as a separate volume might not have been considered"?

DR. ALFRED TRAVERSE
511 EAST 47TH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78751

18 May, 1965

Mr. William Kaufmann
Freeman Publishers
Etc.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the letter. The arrangement you suggest seems fine to me. I propose to get started on the book immediately in the fall, for one thing because lack of space and adequate laboratory facilities will prevent getting much volume of work done on other things until the new building is complete, a year and a half from now.

I did indeed see Simpson's review. I think he was right in saying that palynologists will perforce have to have the volume as it is, and I rather like the idea of the sort of compulsory integration of palynology with paleontology-proper this way! Nobody has told me what the book sells for yet, but I really don't see why the price should stop many palynologists from buying it. If this results in palynology subsidizing paleontology a little, well o. k. I have been fighting palynological "segregation" for some time, so am probably prejudiced! *Alfred*

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November 15, 1962

Dr. Alfred F. Traverse
511 East 47th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Al:

It was good to see you, even so briefly, in Houston. I expected you might not be there at all.

So that you will be kept up-to-date on all our publishing activities, we are sending you a copy of our new catalogue, just off the press.

Do keep in mind our continuing interest in the book we have discussed with you over the past few years, if time and spirit allow you to go ahead with it.

I'll be telling Don Kennedy of our visit in a few days. I know he'll be wishing you the very best in your new calling, just as the rest of us do.

Yours, as ever,



William Kaufmann

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94104

Dr. Alfred Traverse
511 East 47th Street
Austin, Texas 78751

DATE December 11, 1964

SUBJECT

Dear Al:

If you are interested in staying in Texas, it would do no harm, would it, to talk to the people at The University of Texas? The Chairman of Geology, Steve Clabaugh, is a great guy and a good friend; would you like to have me drop him a note and mention your possible interest in a return to ^{an} academic environment?

Best regards,

Bill K.

William Kaufmann

REPLY

RETURN TO SENDER

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16 Jan., 1965

Dear Bill:

Thought it would be appropriate to let you know that I have had a nice talk with Dr. Clabaugh about my future plans, as indefinite as they are. I am not sure that he cottons to much to the idea of a geological prof who is also an ordained clergyman--he is himself a somewhat belligerent agnostic--I mean he left no doubt of where he stands. But we did have a good visit, and other members of the department also talked to me. I don't know what will come of it, but at least the news is abroad that I really mean it when I state my interest in making a living in the scientific-academic sphere after finishing here.

I greatly appreciate, as I have said before, the friendly interest you have taken in me. I certainly look forward to seeing you again one of these days, and having an opportunity to chat with you about all of these things that have taken place.

Which reminds me to say that I did not mean to rule out the idea you mentioned of the "Athenian School," only to emphasize that I am not champing at the bit to leave Texas! It seems to me on re-reading the brochure you sent that I would have considerable to offer such a school. The thought was somewhat reinforced last week when I was invited to address the 8th grade class at St. Stephen's School near here, a strikingly similar sort of place sponsored by the Episcopal Church in these parts. I gave a lecture on fossil plants, illustrated by my "presentation set" of super-special plant fossils. The talk was very well received by faculty and students. Unfortunately (?) there is no staff opening out there, and I am not sure it's exactly my meat anyway--the teaching load is apparently so heavy that there is little if any time for research, writing or thinking.

Well, anyway, if you wanted to let my name drop to your friend at Athenian, and if they were interested, I'd like to talk about the possibility.

Hope you had a good holiday season--we spent ours with the family in Indiana and Michigan. All the best to the Kaufmanns for 1965.

1965 Jan. 16

Yours faithfully,

AL

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December 3, 1964

ATHENIAN SCHOOL

Dr. Alfred F. Traverse
511 East 47th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Al:

Enclosed is a brochure about an exciting new private school here in the Bay Area; I think they will admit their first class next September.

Would you be interested in going there as instructor in biology and geology, dean of the chapel, soccer coach, et cetera, with all your afternoons free(!) to work as a research associate at Berkeley, a half hour away?

A Hamilton contemporary of mine is assistant director, and I would be glad to put you in touch with him if you are interested.

Yours,

Bill K.

William Kaufmann

WK:imb
Enclosure

Correspondence concerning The Athenian School should be addressed to:

Mr. Dyke Brown, Director
The Athenian School
20 Severance Avenue
Oakland 18, California

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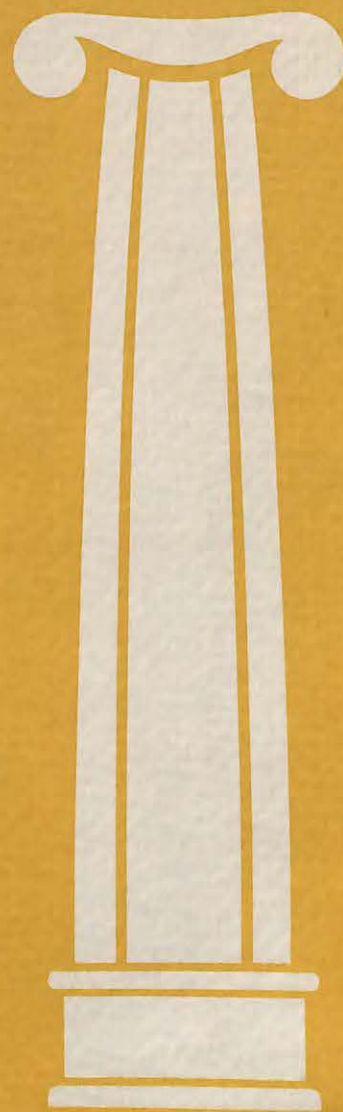
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October 28, 1964

Dr. Alfred F. Traverse
511 East 47th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Al:

I was pleased to meet a friend and former colleague of yours the other day, Ken Hsu, who is now at the University of California at Riverside. He is thinking of starting on a book soon, and I hope we will be publishing it for him.

How are things with you? Have you been able to keep up your scientific work as you hoped--and are you going to be able to write that palynology text for us someday?

I shall be attending the GSA meetings in Miami and I hope I may see you there.

Best regards,

Bill K.

William Kaufmann

WK:imb

7 November, 1964

Mr. William Kaufmann
W. H. Freeman & Co.
660 Market St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Bill:

It was good indeed to hear from you again. Ken Hsu is a person whom I regard very highly indeed. In fact, I would describe him as one of my dearest friends, but for the fact that geographic distance and my lack of time for correspondence is coming between us a bit. I suppose you know about the tragic accident last month in which he lost his wife, a really lovely girl. I still can't believe she is dead. I think the idea of writing a book--which he is very well qualified to do (he wrote a couple for Shell which are knocking around as confidential reports)--is a fine idea. It would be therapeutic for him.

Now, about my situation. As you know, I came to seminary 2½ yrs. ago, which means that I am just ½ yr. away from being finished. I have done very well. As long as I was with Shell, they played cat and mouse with me about the book, as you will remember, and Ken may have told you. They never would say I could, and they never would say I couldn't. I had some home that after I got here I could begin work, but that was an illusion. I have a nice little laboratory set up here, and I have all my library and equipment, but the work at the seminary is a 150% sort of thing. This term, for example, I am doing courses in Aquinas-Anselm, Kierkegaard, Social Ethics, Law and Religion, Liturgics, and Pastoral Counselling. There is, in addition, field work at a parish on weekends. So, you can see my situation.

Now, looking to the future: I would ordinarily be ordained next June and go to a mission or parish. I am by no means sure that that is what I should do. Do you know of any place in the publishing world that could use a man with my scientific training (biology-geology-paleobotany-palynology) and a graduate degree in theology?

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July 14, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse
Shell Development Company
Exploration and Production Research Division
P. O. Box 481
Houston 1, Texas

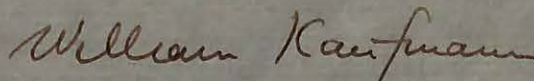
Dear Dr. Traverse:

It appears to me that Big Moose Lake will be the most convenient meeting place for you, and the most appealing one for me, so unless I hear anything to the contrary from you, I shall plan to see you at Insley Camp on August 12. I can be there by about 10 o'clock in the morning, and I think we can cover the necessary ground for the present in an hour or two.

I appreciate your thoughtful offer to arrange lodging for me, but that will not be necessary. I have not yet made definite plans, but probably I will bring along my family, and probably we will be visiting some friends in the not-too-distant environs of Big Moose.

I shall be looking forward to our meeting.

Sincerely,



William Kaufmann