

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Washington D.C.

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Professor W. J. Baumgartner,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Prof. Baumgartner:

Your letter transmitting the notes on the northern land snail and Alaska bears came and I wish to express my thanks for them. I have worked out the complete anatomy, histology and life history of that species of mollusk and those notes on the animal from a different locality are valuable for comparison. I have taken many photomicrographs of the cell structure of the different organs.

I note what you say about the Kansas shell paper and will leave the matter with you for the present. I would very much like to see it published by the University because I find in a great amount of work on it. I have had several letters from people who furnished material wishing to know if a book were ever coming out so they could continue their work. But it would not be policy to allow it to lie there unpublished for ever.