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Mr. L. C. Fuhrmeister
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Dear Mr. Fuhrmeister:

I was shocked and grieved to learn about Gene Coley. His loss is going to make our efforts considerably more difficult.

Last Friday one of my students went to Anniston to bring home the last of our caged fish and to restock the cages. During the night the water in the plastic containers froze and he lost 90 bluegills that were to have been placed in the cages. On Saturday he found that all caged fish below Anniston were dead; those upstream were alive.

I had made plans to bring two students over this Saturday and Mr. Coley was to have shown us where we might seine bluegills during the weekend. We are coming anyway. The combination of a plant shut-down and the loss of our caged fishes necessitates that we obtain native fish immediately if we are to learn anything about acetyl-cholinesterase levels. We hope to collect some dead fish for mercury analyses at the same time.

I am enclosing a summary of some recent findings which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Zoology

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