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Dr. P. A. Saccardo,

Dear Sir,

I enclose a specimen of Geoglossum concerning which I should like your opinion. The plant was viscid-gelatinous when fresh. Spores 7-septate, clavate, $43-55 \times 5 \mu$. Paraphyses closely septate above, the terminal cell elliptical to globose thickened, lower cells somewhat swollen, apices curved. It is not G. glutinosum Pers (= G. viscum P). Is it G. glutinosum var minus Sacc.? If not it is Geoglossum affine Durand n. sp. I have it from three localities in America. I am preparing a monograph of N. American Geoglossaceae, and have examined all the material available including Kew and Upsala (Hub. Fries). The enclosed specimen is different from all others unless it be G. glutinosum var. minus Sacc.

Yours very truly

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Can you spare me a fragment of G. glutinosum var minus Sacc. for a microscopic slide?