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SCIENTIFIC NOTE

The Lost Type of *Brachinus sallei* Chaudoir (Coleoptera: Carabidae).—
In my 1970 revision of North and Middle American Bombardier Beetles (Quaest. Entomol., 6: 4-215) I stated that the type(s) of *Brachinus sallei* Chaudoir was presumed lost. The basis for this statement was, first, the indication by Chaudoir that he saw the specimens he described in Sallé's collection, and second, the subsequent search in parts of this collection by George E. Ball in the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris and by E. Taylor in the Hope Museum, Oxford, at my request. The specimen was not found in either museum where the type(s) should have been. Then, quite unexpectedly, during a recent visit to the British Museum (Natural History), supported in part by the American Philosophical Society, I

discovered a specimen of *Brachinus sallei* labelled "Orizaba, Mexico, Sallé Coll. type," "108" on green paper, and further labelled "Brachynus Salléi Chd. after Sallé, Sallei Chaud."

Consequently, this specimen, a male, is herewith designated LECTOTYPE. The type locality was originally stated by Chaudoir to be Mexico, and later restricted by me to Tabasco, Mexico on the basis of material seen; but Sallé's label "Orizaba, Mexico . . ." indicates the real TYPE LOCALITY. This locality record also indicates a wider distribution than I previously reported; the northern most locality then known was Lake Catemaco, Veracruz, Mexico.—T. L. ERWIN, *Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., 20560.*