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Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 30, 1933.

Dear Mr. DuMont:

Have your letter of the 28th enclosing the paper on the Little Brow Crane material at Iowa City. I think we can use it, and I think the full tables should be used. How soon do you want it published?

? / By what means did you distinguish the specimens of canadensis from those of tabida?

? / You ask for the status of the Long-billed Curlew in the Sioux City region. There is very little evidence. A. J. Anderson, taxidermist, told me of seeing two of these curlews alight on a sandbar in the Missouri River about opposite Crystal Lake on October 25, 1914. He said that the two birds had bills of different lengths, which he attributed to age. He was quite positive of his identification.

/ On April 7, 1918 a man gave to Anderson the head and bill of a bird which Anderson identified as a Long-billed Curlew. This specimen had been killed at Blyburg Lake, Dakota County, Nebraska.

/ On May 14, 1921 A. J. Anderson told me of seeing a L.-b. Curlew (on this date) at a slough between Salix and Sargents Bluff. Take these notes for what you think they are worth. I think there is no question but that Anderson was acquainted with this bird, and had handled them. I do not know what evidence Bennett had on this species, but think it very doubtful if he had the above facts.

? / I don't quite get what you plan to do concerning Talbot. What about a "brief sketch"? You know Talbot came originally from Iowa City. His family used to live there. His father is said to have had the nick name "Big-mouthed Talbot". I do not know the significance of that title. I wish that you might find out something about the family history in Iowa. Most of the few facts I have gathered from the late C. R. Marks some years ago.

Will try to get the skins to you this week.

Sincerely yours,

T. C. Stephens