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Dr. E. S. Parker,
Ida Grove, Iowa

Dear Dr. Parker:

I talked over the possibility of your protégé there at Ida Grove carrying on some studies on game birds in the vicinity of Ruthven this spring and summer. The Faculty here approved of an arrangement by which he might be furnished board, but no salary. Bennett, my water-fowl man who has just moved up to Ruthven to stay, would be glad to take your young man (I have forgotten his name) in with him.

In case this looks inviting and transportation could be arranged from Ida Grove to Ruthven, I would suggest that the young man write Logan J. Bennett, General Delivery, Ruthven, Iowa, to meet him at some specified time and place to be determined between them. I don't know what equipment would be needed, but Bennett told me that an extra cot, plus proper bedding, could be used.

It should be emphasized that an arrangement of this sort would be for the purpose of giving the man a chance to do some work on a wild life problem (preferably on pheasant, Hungarian partridge, or prairie chicken) and at the same time make it possible for him to exist with a minimum of personal expense during the period of the studies. The College cannot pay him anything nor can it furnish anything except board, and whatever materials may be incidentally at hand, or procurable for good purpose.

I would like to have you talk this over with your man frankly and find out what he cares to do. The details of any arrangement will have to be made with Bennett for I am leaving on an extended trip shortly, and will probably be more or less out of touch for a couple weeks or so.

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I may remark that there is a strong possibility of a study group of the nature of a biological station being established at Ruthven and vicinity. Rating ornithologists like Dr. Stephens of Morningside College and Professor Kubichek of Coe College have indicated their interest and may spend sometime up there; thus, perhaps affording opportunities for valuable contacts with younger people. Nothing, however, is definitely settled as yet and this letter is not to be interpreted as implying in any way more than it says.

Very truly yours,

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