

Biology Building
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Dear Wallace:

I am sending to you for final biological ^{O.K.} a carbon copy of my Condor article on the technique of raptor food habits study. This paper has now been re-written to conform to the suggestions made by various interested parties, especially Stoddard and McAtee, whose pencilled notations on a couple of the original carbons and comments I am also inclosing.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send this material back to me with your final remarks, in order that I may forward the manuscript to Grinnell.

Inclosed likewise you will find the paper which I now expect to present at the New Orleans symposium on wild life management, "Ecological Problems Relating to the Northern Bobwhite." The text of this paper might not fit the title as well as could be desired, but the title and an abstract have already been submitted to the symposium chairman. Both of these latter were written for another paper which I had intended to give but which both Leopold and myself now consider unsuitable. I trust you appreciate the disadvantages of writing an entirely different paper to fit a title and an abstract already sent in. This last paper was written at Leopold's suggestion.

In looking over your memo on the Wisconsin work, I note that you got me entirely wrong with respect to the percentage of failures among my quail nests. Although I cannot tell off-hand exactly how successful were my 49 nests of the summer, I would say that fully 60 per cent, if not more, came through. All in all, my quail experienced an excellent nesting season.

I am still trying heroically to get as much of my writing done as possible before snow comes, and hence I have spent very little time in the field this fall. However, I have hired a man, Albert Gastrow, whom perhaps you know, to work full time in the Prairie du Sac area. Gastrow is an old friend of Herb Stoddard's and is about the best man available for this sort of work. I am having him keep his eyes open especially for pot shooting and Cooper's hawk mortality.

Yours sincerely,