

Biology Building  
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Dr. W. L. McAtee  
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U. S. Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. McAtee:

I am sending data to go with the balance of the fragmentary predator material which is now at your office. In case I have not already done so, I might mention that I do not care to have the Biological Survey examine the marsh hawk and redtail pellets which I sent in a year or so ago. These pellets are mostly from juvenile birds, and hence I do not consider them sufficiently reliable to ~~be~~ bothered with, the reasons for which I give in the raptor food habits technique manuscript now in your possession.

I am afraid that I will be unable to give you the results of my own pellets examinations until about next summer. In the meantime I expect to re-work some of my more difficult material in the hope that I will be able to reduce considerably the volume of that which I will finally be compelled to submit to your office, thus, I trust, lightening the burden upon you. My fox stomach contents for the winter of 1930-31 and my marsh hawk gullet contents for the summer of 1931 should be entirely suitable for your purposes, and I will submit them at a later date when I find time to pack them up.

I also sent in two cigar boxes of quail crop and gizzard contents some days ago which I expect you have received by now.

Yours sincerely,

Paul L. Errington  
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