

Biology Building  
Madison, Wisconsin  
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Mr. Logan Bennett  
Prof. J. E. Guthrie  
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Iowa State College  
Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Inclosed find a copy of a letter I just received from President Hughes. You will note by it that I apparently acted too hastily in notifying you as to your selection for the waterfowl study work. This does not indicate any change in my views upon the matter; it only, means, as I see it, that your status is not settled officially. I have little doubt that everything will turn out all right for you, especially since Professor Guthrie recommended you so highly. May I suggest that you talk this over with Dr. Drake?

The recent complications, of course, do not simplify the immediate problem of getting some studies started on nesting wild ducks. I consider the beginning of this work at a time no later in the season so urgent that I would be willing to guarantee you wages (such as would be deemed reasonable by Professor Guthrie, Dr. Drake, and others in a position to judge) from now until July 1, even should I have to pay you personally--and I am no financial Santa Claus. After July 1 we ought to know more definitely where we stand. Are you willing to take chances with me this far? Please let me know at once, for the duck nesting will not wait--if the height is not already passed--and if we lose out on that, we lose out on the most strategic part of the season's work.

Yours sincerely,

Paul L. Errington  
In Charge, Quail Investigation

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