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Mr. W. L. McAtee,  
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Dear Mr. McAtee:

Inclosed find data sheets submitted in connection with the raptor and mammalian predator stomach ~~and~~ <sup>pellet</sup> material which I recently sent into your office. These have to do mainly with the horned owl and barred owl pellets as well as foxes and quail stomachs. I am reserving at Madison my collection of barn owl, screech owl, <sup>long-eared</sup> and short eared owl, ~~and am riding out~~ saw-whet and miscellaneous pellets. These I do not consider of value equal to those of horned and ~~short~~ barred owls; you may have them, however, at a later date if you wish.

If it is all the same to you I would like the returns on the fox stomachs first. I have been contemplating a paper on the food habits of Wisconsin foxes to submit to the Journal of Mammalogy. In this paper I would use observational data as well as the data from your detailed stomach analyses, giving your office full credit, of course, for the determinations.

Next, I would like analyses of the horned owl pellet contents, but I am not any great hurry about this. I have in the back of my head plans for a monograph on the great horned owl, but I do not expect to get this off for some years.

Nothing I say here is to imply that I am attempting to rush you, because I know very well how busy you are at Washington. I merely mentioned this so that if it made little difference to you, you might work on the foxes stomachs first and then possibly the horned owl pellets next.

I am inclosing also a carbon copy of a late paper on the results of the Wisconsin quail banding work. I hope it will not be asking too much of you to criticise this even though our former relations are now terminated. I value very much the comments you have made on my various papers of the past, and do not wish to relenquish your help in this respect as long as I can retain it.

Sincerely yours,

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Paul L. Errington