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Mr. Aldo Leopold,
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Dear Mr. Leopold:

I received the carbon copy of your proposed predator paper, and was very well pleased with your treatment of the present duck hawk situation.

The only question that arises in my mind is the one which you brought up in your letter to Dr. Phillips, namely, as relates to the status of the duck hawk in New Jersey and the East, generally.

If your ^{is true} assumption - and I personally believe it is ~~true~~ - that the duck is in bad shape numerically, then your paper ought to carry a terrific punch. Even though your assumptions are not quite as well based as they might be, the general attitude which you define concerning sportsmen, protectionists and predators should be of great value. In other words you have made plain certain principles not alone pertaining to the duck hawk, which public conservationists and the like could do well to ponder. To sum up then: I hope that minor inaccuracies do not detract from the force of your powerful presentation of principles which we might consider basic to permanent conservation.

Sincerely yours,

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