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Mr. Dwight C. Smiley,
Grinnell, Iowa

Dear Mr. Smiley:

I received your letter this morning, and was glad to learn that you had been assured of the Yellowstone job. This, I think, is a far better proposition than anything we would have to offer, for we could pay you no salary, and, of course, at Yellowstone you should have an opportunity to make some money, which I presume you will have use for.

So far as the mud hen studies are concerned we have already a fairly large prospective crew lined up for the planned biological station, so I think that can be handled all right. You did not inconvenience me by not writing before; in fact I understood from our previous conversation that you would not have definite information until quite late, so that is o.k.

I hope you land the Berkeley assistantship. If so, I think you would have a great advantage in being able to work under such men of prominence as Dr. Grinnell and other rating ornithologists in the ~~Western~~ States.

Very truly yours,

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