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Dr. W. T. Hornaday,  
Permanent Wild National Protection Fund,  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Hornaday:

I just received the copy of your book "30-years ~~of~~ War for Wild Life", for which I thank you very much. I have looked it over hastily, and while I do not agree with all of your views (you, of course, would not expect me to!) I feel that you have brought out some very significant points. Scientifically, my work has to do with conservation, largely through management, or the encouragement of the species in the wild, but I certainly see the importance of keeping shooting within reasonable limits, especially as concerns waterfowl and other precariously situated species. I think that you have noted this attitude of mine in my various written utterances.

Inclosed you will find a new bulletin "Management of the Bobwhite Quail", which I don't recall having sent you previously. In this bulletin I have attempted to sum up to the best of my ability the quail situation in Iowa and other mid-west states. It is based upon the four years' study of that species, which I have made.

Our problem here is not a matter of over-shooting, nor of environmental impoverishment alone; we have to deal with both and to play our cards as wisely as possible. Various complications are continually arising, but we have to handle them as well as we can.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. I wish you could be interested in a paper "Set Legend" which I am informed will come out shortly in Outdoor Life. The paper discusses trapping and other losses to game birds incidental to hunting. It is based upon numerical data which we have gathered and is intended to hit hard at certain wasteful practices and to encourage others in their efforts to put hunting on a higher and more satisfactory plane. P.L.E.