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Mr. Aldo Leopold,
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Dear Mr. Leopold:

I showed your letter and the copy of the one relative to the C. C. C. job to Hamerstrom and he thought that he had better keep on with his present assistantship and graduate work. This is essentially what I think also for I don't believe Hamerstrom is quite ripe for the job; besides I need him myself, and I wouldn't like to see anything turn up at the present time which might mean the unnecessary postponement of his Ph.D.

I don't know of anybody to suggest for the position unless it might be possibly Yeatter. The chances are rather slim of finding anyone of sufficient training to practice quail management right off. I should think, however, that one of Yeatter's general background could pick up the essentials in a relatively short time. Possibly Yeatter has too much training for this particular job.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have written Stephens, asking him to postpone the publication of my paper until the next issue. Yes, I agree with you fully that I do not wish to turn out this highly important paper in an unpolished condition. I hope, then, to be able to discuss this with you personally sometime within the next month or so; just when I will be able to get away is another matter for the southern Iowa quail work will probably keep me more than busy for the next six weeks.

I spoke at the Will Dilg meeting at Estherville yesterday afternoon. I had a good talk with Sam Anderson and with Charlie Horn, and learned a number of things which I consider of significance to conservation. Apparently King's ruffed grouse work has sufficient funds to keep it going until about the first of the year; after that nobody knows what is what, and there appears to be no money in sight. I hope that we will be able to patch something together before the project has to be discontinued. I am planning to attend the January meeting of the Minnesota Sportsmen's Group and I seem to recall that you would be willing to go to Minnesota at that time also. In the meantime I suppose we will have to let matters rest.

Sincerely yours,

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