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Mr. Kirk Fox, Editor  
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Dear Mr. Fox:

I am in receipt of your letter asking me to prepare a chapter on predatory animals for your conservation booklet. I think that I could handle this allright if you are not in too much of a hurry, for I already have a heavy writing schedule that keeps me well occupied. If I wrote this chapter, however, it would be with the understanding that I, as a representative of Iowa State College, would be given the credit officially necessary.

I have a few suggestions to make in the event that the publication of this proposed booklet will go through. In the first place if you are planning to prepare it principally for use by 4-H Clubs I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Paul Taff of the Extension Service, and also with Dr. G. O. Hendrickson of the Zoology Department, who has charge of the extension phase of our wild life program. There may be certain difficulties that a timely conference with these people would iron out.

I have some suggestions to make relative to the proposed cover. The present title "Furs, Fins and Feathers" is perhaps too similar to the title used by the Minnesota Fish and Game Department for their former official publication "Fins, Feathers and Fur". I don't approve especially of using a pheasant to illustrate Iowa game in so far as it is an exotic. I think it will be much more appropriate to use some native species such as the bobwhite or perhaps a blue-wing teal, or other native breeding duck. I also gained the impression from looking over the subjects covered that the scope of this booklet would be greater than that indicated by "Successful methods of shooting, trapping and fishing for the farm boy", printed at the bottom of the cover.

I would be glad to hear from you further relative to this matter and would also appreciate knowing how much time I would have in which to prepare my chapter. I have an idea that it would probably take most of the time I could spare for a month to handle the subject properly, provided that my other duties would not become too pressing. I have a series of papers to get out within the next few months so you can see that I have to budget my time carefully.

Very truly yours,

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