

December 20, 1933

Mr. Aldo Leopold  
Old Soils Building  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Leopold:

I received your letter and my manuscript today, and was gratified to see that at last you considered the paper in presentable shape for publication. I shall make corrections as you suggested and also clear up those figures on page 8, the significance of which you did not understand. Those numbers refer to covey survival figures on consecutive years for identical environments.

I am sending for criticism a manuscript on the Iowa Duck Studies, which I am preparing for the American Game Conference, and possibly for publication in American Game. I would like to have you look this over critically, especially the ~~section~~ dealing with the crow, for in view of the terrific popular condemnation of this species I perceive that this ~~section~~ will have to be carefully handled or it will give the impression that I am attempting a mere job of white-washing. I am not satisfied with the wording as it stands, and expect to revise it materially. I would greatly appreciate any suggestions you may have to make.

By any chance are you planning to go to the American Game Conference? If so, I would like to have you present this paper on duck nesting studies at the research meeting. I feel particularly that I need some one to defend me in case the heels of too many crow haters descend upon my neck.

I am inclosing a carbon copy of a letter to Gastrow, which is self-explanatory. We have only \$100 which we can spare to pay Gastrow for the Wisconsin quail observations, and he plainly cannot live upon that for the winter. Do you think in case he would get lined up with CWA that it would be possible to have him assigned special duties such as carrying on quail observations instead of routine road work and such duties commonly assigned these men? If we could get the quail work done at CWA expense such would be tremendously desirable from the standpoint of our budget.

You stated in your letter that you will be out of Madison, <sup>nearby</sup> all of the time for the next couple weeks; possibly you may be in before I return from the East. If so, would you please write me, especially about the possible Gastrow arrangement, in care of Laurence Bertram Flint, Smith Road, Brush Hill, Milton, Mass?

Sincerely yours,

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