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Mr. Aldo Leopold
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Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Leopold:-

I am not sure that you remember me, from your visit to Columbia, but you know this department well through Dr. Curtis. We now have the opportunity, in a small way, to begin some of the work in which you are interested. One of our graduate students, H.L. Blakey by name, who has had a fair training in ornithology and seems like a pretty good man, wants to do his A.M. work in ornithology. I have suggested that he work on some specific problem connected with one of the game-birds, and of course, quail being our most abundant game-bird in this region, we felt that quail offered the best possibilities.

I am writing to you for suggestions as to the nature of the work this man might take up. I think he is good enough to handle a fairly ambitious and exacting problem, and he will have the use of our departmental truck and whatever other equipment he needs. There will, I am sure, be no difficulty in getting the cooperation of one or several farmers around here who protect their quail, in case he wishes to make a year-round study of one or more coveys; and since Blakey's home is near here (in Fayette) he can make a year-round job of it if his problem requires it.

Both Dr. Curtis and I feel that it would be very desirable to have this man working along lines in which you are interested, whether or not he does well enough at it to warrant its continuation. We have one or two other men "coming along" who are interested in game-problems, and I hope that this may be only the beginning of a series of studies on the game-birds of this region.

We shall be very glad indeed of any suggestions you may have in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Rudolf Bennitt

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Associate Professor of Zoology

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