

Copies to Messrs. Bode
Errington ✓

Sept. 23, 1932

Mr. J. N. Darling
Register-Tribune Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Darling:

I supplied Mr. Crane with the full text of the Iowa Game Survey Report on September 13, and am sending Bode the copy for the Commission today.

In the last chapter is a summary of what I think are the most important undetermined questions about each species which need to be answered by research. I suggest that this may serve as a starting point against which the research department at Ames can measure progress from time to time in reporting to you on the use of your funds.

Of course, no research program can be absolutely mapped out in advance. Accordingly this starting point will have to be subject to amendment by mutual discussion with Ames from time to time. Errington has a copy of the report, so that if you and the Commission approve of this idea, I would suggest you write Errington through Dr. Hughes to see if it meets with their approval.

I am making this suggestion in my capacity as your designated representative with respect to the funds you are contributing. However, since you designated me to act in this capacity it has become clear that I will have little if any future work in Iowa. It would be unduly expensive to make inspection trips solely for the purpose of reporting on research progress, since no real appraisal of progress could be made without getting into the field. You may accordingly want to designate somebody else. I would suggest either Bode or whatever man the Biological Survey develops to take W. B. Grange's place as inspector of fellowships. First Stoddard and then Grange served in this capacity for the Institute fellowships as a check against my own appraisal of their output.

Should you wish to discuss this matter I will be able to call on you if Iowa calls me over in connection with the warden training camp.

Since the Commission and yourself personally are jointly concerned in this matter, I am sending a copy of this letter to Bode.

Yours sincerely,

ALDO LEOPOLD

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