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Dear Paul:

As you know, my "Game Survey of Iowa" has been running serially in Outdoor America. The understanding was that they would, upon completion, assemble and bind sets of reprints, add a preface, index, and bibliography, and make them available at cost.

This pleasant dream has suffered a series of reverses. First Outdoor America became bi-monthly, and then suspended entirely. The new "National Waltonian" is too short to handle the thing. The coup de grace came when the type on the four chapters so far published was accidentally knocked down, whereupon Locke proposed to photostat the magazine copy, ballyhoo headlines and all, as a way out of the mess. No thank you!

The recent publication of the "Conservation Plan" is of course no substitute for the "Game Survey"; with a few exceptions it hardly contains a coherent summary of it.

So I am back where I was a year and a half ago.

I am writing to ask whether and under what terms the College would care to bring out the Game Survey, provided I secured the underwriting of all or most of the cost. The Commission had ordered a certain number, and I assume would be willing to transfer their order to the College. I might be able to pay the rest personally if the sum were not too great.

If I remember right, you have a virtually complete manuscript. Would you mind:

1. Asking the College if they are interested.
2. If so, ask them to get a bid on a small edition, say 1,000.

I will then see how I can divide the cost with the Commission. I would, of course, like to have you fit this in with any series of game publications you have in mind as the outlet for your own work.

Yours sincerely,  
*Aldo Leopold*

P.S. I would prefer to read proof myself, so this need not be a burden on anybody at the College.

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