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Dr. Paul L. Errington  
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Dear Paul:

Because of having been in the field and because of your early need of the manuscript, I have been able to give it only an hour's thought, but on the basis of that imperfect consideration, I must urge you not to publish it in its present form. You have done a nice job of incorporating the changes which we discussed during your visit, but there remains, in my opinion, a roughness of detail and a lack of cohesiveness which fall short of doing justice to yourself or your material.

These two things together are accountable for the extreme length, which is another reason not to publish at this stage.

Do not forget that this is <sup>the</sup>hardest job you have ever tackled. It is not at all surprising that many re-writings are needed.

I do not claim to have even in my own mind a formula for revision and what I have cannot easily be transmitted by letter. I have entire confidence, though, that your idea is sound and that it can be expressed simply and clearly. I will be glad to help if you want me to, but suggest we arrange a time when both of us have the necessary leisure.

I return the manuscript, together with Kendeigh's and Stoddard's comments.

Sincerely yours,

*A. L. Leopold*

P. S. Miss Horn had started to copy the hand-written parts and I am inclosing the part she had done, but because of your possible immediate need I have asked her not to finish the copying.

A.L.