

Paul: Would you care to give me a rating on Mr. DuMont? for this job? A.I.

Soils Building  
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Mr. Philip A. DuMont  
306 51st Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. DuMont:

I have your letter of October 17.

Enclosed is a prospectus of projects for which I hope to obtain funds, but I have none as yet. Do any of these projects particularly interest you?

At this moment I have funds and am looking for a game manager to be one of the technical staff of a new erosion control project to be started in southwestern Wisconsin under the Public Works Act this fall. The game man is desired by December 1 at the latest. The salary so far set up is \$1,800.

The duties would be first of all to census the area, which would consist of three or four townships, this winter and feed the quail by a hopper system or some other temporary expedient so as to avoid losing them in case of severe weather. Next summer would be occupied in helping the foresters, agronomists, and engineers on the project staff to lay out and fence game cover. Two CCC camps will be available for labor. The idea is to rebuild the physical layout of each farm so as to take the steep land out of both grazing and cultivation, put all fields on contours instead of legal subdivisions, plant up stream banks, dam gullies, and otherwise fix up the farm so that erosion is cured at its source. Obviously this process of fixing will create an enormous amount of cover, which then needs only to be supplemented by food patches to become a producing unit. After completion of the improvements, the farmers should then be organized as a game association to market their quail crop in the same manner as Iowa is now encouraging farmers to do.

Your training has not, of course, included the strictly game management aspects of such a job, but I think you would pick up that end readily. The job obviously calls for a combination of research ability and executive capacity.

I will be in LaCrosse on November 8 in the evening to speak at an Izaak Walton League meeting. Should you wish to discuss the thing in person, I could meet you there. Would you be interested?

Yours sincerely,

ALDO LEOPOLD  
Game Manager

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