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Dear Mr. Leopold:

Complying with your request made at the Isaac Walton League, I wish to say that Doctor Mac Goeres and myself were hunting in the vicinity of Lodi Wisconsin, on the opening day of the rabbit season, November 2. When in the afternoon, we were traveling over a quite heavily burshed territory we noticed a peculiar noise just ahead of us--in fact it was very pronounced, and it continued a long time before we discovered that we were driving a bevy of quail. We talked to each other about it at that time, and we estimated that there were probably 300 quail feeding in the brush just ahead of us. I came to an open place running through the brush, probably an old roadway, and stood there for some 4 or 5 minutes while my friend was advancing. There seemed to be no limit to the birds crossing this open space, in fact there were a dozen or two visible all the time. I feel that I am justified in saying that there were not less than 300 birds altogether. We continued on for some 4 or 5 hundred feet before any of these birds flushed, and then only part of them left the ground, the rest returning the way they had come.

I trust that this is the information that you were looking for, and I am glad to be of this service to you.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Challenger