

Mr. Earrington

New Soils Building
Madison, Wisconsin
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Mr. E. V. Willard
State Commissioner of Conservation
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Willard:

I am informed by G. M. Aldous of the U. S. Biological Survey that your Commission is now disposed to make a serious effort to enforce and improve the Red Lake Caribou Refuge, containing the only U. S. pennant of this species.

I am moved to say that I, and I think many other conservationists who know the circumstances, are watching Minnesota's attitude toward this remnant with both hope and anxiety. It is very clear that your Commission is, in this instance, the custodian of what in every moral sense is a national property. To let it be dissipated while hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent annually on the protection of other species in no wise threatened would be a permanent black mark against the whole conservation movement. I welcome the news that you are now disposed to take care of these caribou.

Yours respectfully,

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Game Manager

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