

New Soils Building
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Dear Ovid:

I am glad you found Errington's revised manuscript acceptable and much appreciate your voluntary honorarium to him. I am also glad you can furnish the 1,000 reprints and would suggest that you send 200 to me and the rest to Errington.

As to illustrations, my own photograph files are bankrupt. I am suggesting to Errington that he appeal to McAtee for photographs. McAtee will, I think, agree with me as to the strategic importance of this paper and I am asking Errington to send him a copy of the manuscript.

Do you think it would help the casual reader to catch the significance of this paper if either McAtee or myself or yourself would sign an insert box pointing out its importance? What I have in mind is something like the following:

It is predicted that the discovery announced in this article will, after it is more thoroughly developed, throw a flood of new light on three vexed questions in wild life conservation:

1. Does ordinary predator control do the game any good?
2. Does the shooting of surplus do the game any harm?
3. Does it do any good to replant game without also improving food and cover?

Errington's findings indicate that the final answer to all these questions is "NO."

The Editor

Yours sincerely,

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