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Dear Paul:

I have just had a chance to skim over the quail frontier paper. You've done a lot of work on it. The parts marked for me to fill in will be no great labor.

My main worry is an impression of diffuseness which I get at first reading. I have as yet no notion of how this may be mended, and in most cases I like the point you are driving at. I dislike only the labor of getting there.

The main thing I have to say at this time is that Bill Schorger has, in manuscript, a paper on the history of Wisconsin bobwhite back to 1840. It's a marvelous piece of work, and bears very strongly on our paper. The last time I heard him give it, though, I thought he by no means made the most of his evidence, i.e., his data would support a more explicit hypothesis than he advances. Much of his data deal with the frontier, rather than the "regular" quail range.

What occurs to me is that we should let Bill's paper come out, and interpret his evidence for him along with our own. Ours is much more dilute, but covers a bigger region. I'll try to ascertain present status of his MS. X

None of the above comments are more than preliminary impressions.

Sincerely yours,

Aldo

Aldo Leopold  
Professor of Wildlife Management

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X nearly ready.