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Dear Paul:

I have again gone through the records and concluded that the 118 figure for 1934-35 was certainly a fall census, because Hawkins says (p. 48, Wildlife History of Faville Grove) "The censuses for 1935-38 were taken in December".

I have added on the attached summary sheet a spring estimate for 1935 based on Hawkins' statement (same page) "Fully 50% of the partridges were winter-killed following the 1935 census".

I don't think Black's estimate of the spring population in 1940 would be worth recording. He was just leaving for Michigan, was concerned with an arrival in his family, and did no field work. I have no way to fill this gap.

After studying all the available records, I am adding two other points of doubt: the spring survival of 73 in 1936 appears to include some egress for the Atlas says the winter loss was "about 50%". The fall figure of 314 for 1937 came partly from an influx, but I have no record of when the influx occurred.

In general, I fear that a question mark must attach to all Faville Grove Hungarian censuses on the grounds that it is not a self-contained population. It is all right to include it in our computations, but there must be a saving clause somewhere.

The standard census area at Faville Grove is 2400 acres. I have not made any area corrections for 1935-6 and 1936-7 when only 2200 acres were covered, because the extra 200 acres was not partridge range.

Sorry to have hung you up on these ambiguities.

Yours as ever,

Aldo

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