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Professor Paul L. Errington
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Dear Paul:

I am much relieved that the new division of coverage as between you and Kabat improves the situation from your point of view. You may very well be correct that I once had some different notion, but I do not now have any. *

I felt very uncomfortable writing you in what may have seemed a censorious tone. I certainly agree that it would be bad for all concerned if your paper contained anything contradicted by last winter's experience.

I myself have not seen Kabat's compiled data, but you may be assured that there was no emergency loss. Losses continued all winter in some coveys, whereas others "flattened out". Therefore, the threshold must be something less than the survival, unless the phenomenal population of foxes could be considered as suspending the threshold.

Albert's Journal arrived on my desk a day or two ago, but I haven't looked at it yet. Your copy will go forward shortly. We have found that despite the obvious excellence of Albert's work he sometimes omits essential information, especially when it repeats so often that he takes it for granted in his own mind. *This was my main reason for "cold feet" on deductions for years when we had only the journal to go by.*
With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Aldo

Aldo Leopold

* There never will be any final paper on Prairie du Sac. The most we can hope for is gradually to improve our inter pretations.