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Mr. Clyde B. Terrell  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Clyde:

I am lending you my copy of Elton's muskrat paper. Please return this when you have read it because it is hard for me to keep track of library items loaned out.

I think I should warn you about one detail: The existence of a cycle of a large area does not necessarily imply that every small locality will conform. In fact, it is a conspicuous fact that small localities usually depart from the general average. Thus, the ruffed grouse kill in Wisconsin makes a very smooth cycle curve, but the ruffed grouse kill for a township makes a very jagged one, from which a cycle could not with certainty be deduced.

Yours sincerely,

Aldo Leopold

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