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Professor Paul Errington
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Dear Paul:

The muskrat report is quite exciting, and I appreciate your keeping me up to date on the highlights.

We now have a chance for a muskrat study that to me is outstanding. Horicon Marsh is being managed on shares, each trapper having an individual district. We can require each trapper to turn his carcasses over to us, which means carcasses in five figures. There is plenty of Pittman-Robertson money, and as soon as the war is over, there will be plenty of men with both zoological and ecological training. We have already used these carcasses to develop an accurate method of ageing by X-Raying ossification of the bones. I wish you would be thinking over this situation, because I will want your advice as to how to proceed and what to tackle.

The banding of Prairie du Sac has been difficult despite the favorable weather. We have banded only about 50 birds. I am sending you the last census.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Aldo

Aldo Leopold