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Early 30A?

Alas Moines

Jan. 28.

Dear Paul:

Here is the news to date: I asked the Commission for \$3000 of a \$8000 per year fund, for 3 years, to employ you and one other assistant at Ames. They didn't have it, but they cut the game warden force to get it, and have now definitely signed up. That was yesterday.

To day Crum and I spent all morning with President Hughes at Ames, asking him to add \$3000 (either in cash or man-power) to the \$6000 already raised. (3000 fellowships plus 3000 Commission.) He was more than friendly toward the whole idea, and said that as soon as he could unravel the money end he would wire you and ask you to come over for a discussion. I told him your deadline was in about ten days, and you will probably hear from him before that time. I gave him your Zoology Building address. If you want the wire sent to some other address you had better tell the telegraph company.

I saw Whillock and told him (without detail) that Hughes might be calling you over, and that I was anxious for you and he to get acquainted. I hope you can look him up.

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Sutlive (Zoology) and Blake have a graduate student named Logan Bennett who applied to me some time ago, expressing an interest in my work. I looked him up as I suspect that Blake may nominate him for this work. He looks good but am not sure his groundwork (Academic) is sufficient. He is now working on a key of Iowa fishes for his masters degree. Better look at him too.

I was too rushed to see your friend Shepard - besides the President's attitude was such that I for one have no fears about the interest being genuine, and the internal machinery favorable toward the work.

Also saw Buchanan - Dean of Graduate School - and formed his attitude toward the scientific side of the thing very good. He is a bacteriologist and seems to have a hearty interest in game diseases, and a sound attitude toward game management.

Meanwhile Bode has accepted the Secretaryship of the Fish & Game Commission, so you can feel sure that the des Moines crowd will understand your language. If you hear from Hughes I wish you would let Bode know what day you will be at Ames. It might be able to be there, and you should of course become

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acquainted. His address is J. T. Bode, Fish & Game Commission,
Des Moines.

You might also let me know of Conservation Plan
State House Des Moines, although the chances are I will
be in the field down in the Southern counties. In the
event you should be over here around Feb 9, the two Com-
missions hold a joint meeting on that day, which I will
attend, and I would like you to look them over. I think
you will be somewhat reassured.

They thoroughly understood they would have no
authority over you if you should take the Ames job.

My advice is to not let them attach you to any
particular department at Ames, in case that should be
discussed. I also anticipate that their offer will be
\$3000. That at Ames would be as good as \$600
at Washington.

Well Paul - I wish you a lucky choice.

Yours

Aldo Leopold

P.S. If you want to see my prelim. rept on northern Iowa
moss horn has it.