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Aldo Leopold  
Professor of Game Management  
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Dear Professor Leopold:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your note of September 11, requesting opinions concerning the Central States Wildlife Conference. In order to avoid repeating the questions, I am giving my opinions in accordance with the numbered listing in your letter.

(1) I do not feel that the National Wildlife Conference does away with the need for a separate annual midwest conference. The National meetings are still too broad in scope and a program devoted exclusively to our own immediate problems is more valuable to us.

However, from the standpoint of economy of time and money, I see no objection to a day or as much time as necessary being set aside for the midwest conference at the time of the National meeting when it meets in this middle western section of the country. When the national conference does not meet in this territory, I would much prefer a separate meeting and the opportunity it would afford to see firsthand the work going on in some of our sister states.

(2) I have no objection to the Central States Wildlife Conference becoming a sectional meeting of the Wildlife Society if there are definite advantages to such a tie-up. Perhaps the overhead organization of the Wildlife Society could contribute to the Central States Wildlife Conference in helping to promote the meeting, opening the Journal to the publication of outstanding papers which might be presented at this conference, etc. I would oppose such a tie-up if it meant, or was likely to lead to, dictation of policy by persons outside our own immediate region or prevent the free expression of our opinions regarding state and national conservation programs, attitudes and organizations.

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Before dictating this letter I have discussed the questions in your letter with several members of our staff who are members of the Wildlife Society, and others. I believe my statements in this letter are a very fair concensus of our joint reaction to the questions in your letter. The matter was discussed with Dr. Van Cleave, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Yeatter, and Dr. Mohr.

I hope that nothing will interfere with holding the next meeting of this Central States Wildlife Conference in Wisconsin in November. It seems to me that the questions asked in your letter should be more formally considered at that time, and certainly it would be the logical place to take definite action concerning them.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Graham, Pirnie, Swanson, Errington and Bennett for their information.

Very truly yours,

T. H. Frison, Chief

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