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Hutching, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Allert -

Think nothing of the delay in letter writing. I hope to close out the present population study as of July 1, 1940... so you were well ahead of the deadline. Thanks very much.

The ✓ cliffs north of Waukon Jet. sound very interesting, especially your comment that all ✓ have been used by duck hawks since 1900. There is plenty of evidence that the birds shift their actual site from year to year. Maximum distance of shifting by presumably the same pair is around a quarter mile. Minimum distance between nesting pairs seems to be somewhere between a half of a mile and a mile. [I still have to check this on a government map].

The chief thing we will try to settle here in the east this spring is the question of non-breeding duck hawks at a no. of eyries. A number of cliffs last year were visited only for brief periods and then at mid-day.

If you yourself see anything, I hope you will drop me a line.

Sincerely

J. J. Hickey