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Dear Dr. Kent:

Ruth Green told me, among other things, that she had found and photographed a Piping Plover nest at the settling ponds in Iowa. I told her that according to the treaty of peace and friendship she should tell you, but she demurred, and left it up to me.

So: "On May 28, 1986, I photographed the nest of a Piping Plover at the Iowa Settling Ponds, just south of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The nest contained 4 eggs."

I think she will send me the photograph eventually.

If you want a copy of the photograph, or if you would prefer that I don't use the photo and/or the item in the Review, will you please let me know?

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "R. G. Cortelyou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

R. G. Cortelyou

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12 July 1986

Dear R. G.:

Thanks for your note regarding the Piping Plover nesting at IPL Ponds. I will pass the information on to Jim Dinsmore, the Field Reports editor for the summer season.

This particular item is not unusual now, in fact, our Spring Field Reports indicates that there were 6 nests found there. As to the photo, we might use it if it were particularly good and we have space available. I have no objection to your using it.

I particularly appreciate your passing this item on to me. My major objections to publishing records in each other's states relates to the burden it places on future researchers. I don't think one should have to go through all the journals from surrounding states to make sure one has all the records on a particular species. The other problem is that Iowa birds reported in NBR and Nebraska birds reported in IBL will go to the wrong regional editor for American Birds.

Generally, Tanya Bray and Babs Padelford report sightings that Nebraska birders have seen in Iowa, although it would be better to have them sent directly to the appropriate field reports editor for IBL. We have put a notice on the back cover of IBL indicating where Iowans should send reports of Nebraska birds (to the Padelfords). My goal is to have all significant Iowa sightings (as judged by our field reports editors) reported in IBL.

I wouldn't want to tell you not to print information about Iowa birds, rather I would request that you also pass them on to us or request that they be submitted to us.

I think the situation with articles is a bit different and would hope that we could encourage authors to submit articles on birds to the state in which the birds were located. The only situation where we would include a bird article involving Nebraska birds is when they were located in both states.

Thanks again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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