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Dear Carol:

Greetings! As you are probably aware, there is very little time left to complete the Breeding Bird Atlas Project, yet a lot of work yet to be done. To facilitate the project, the Nongame Program applied for federal money for assistance. We were fortunate in receiving some federal funds to help us during the 1989 field season.

To maximize the work we can accomplish for the money, we decided to ask for help. Consequently through the help of the BBA committee, Preserves and Nongame personnel, we developed a list of some of Iowa's best birders and people who have already been contributing to the BBA project. That's where you come in.

Would you be interested in completing 4 blocks and receiving approximately \$300 in reimbursement for travel? Because this is federal money, and the fed's will require documentation of "products" for their investment, we have to require that you indeed complete 4 blocks and send those results in to us. At this point I don't know how many people will take us up on this offer, but we hope that by doing this we can get over 60 blocks done in target areas by folks like yourselves. We are also encouraging state and county personnel to complete blocks which are within their jurisdiction.

Enclosed is a progress map of the BBA project. Which counties would you be willing to work in? What we will do is assign you 4 priority blocks (i.e. good habitat areas) within the area that you are interested in covering. The reimbursement might not cover all of your expenses, but will hopefully offer some incentive and compensation. I know many of you would be doing several blocks regardless of the reimbursement, but this is one way we can thank you for your dedication to the project.

Please let me know by May 1 if you are interested in this plan and what counties you'd like to work. After that we will provide you with the 4 blocks. Reimbursement will be at the end of the field season after the reports are turned in. I hope you're interested—we need your expertise.

Sincerely,

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