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Dear Tom:

Here is a summary of the barn-owl nesting I told you about over the phone. The location was in a barn-owl nest box in a barn 7 miles north of Boone in Boone Co. Six young barn owls, age 6-8 weeks, were seen, and I banded 5 of them. Neither adult was seen, but I suspect the male was nearby. The eggs from which these youngsters hatched would have been laid in late July/early August. It is possible the adult birds could have been captively produced or progeny of the captively produced barn owls, since barn owls were released in Boone County from 1983 through 1992. Since 2 unbanded wild barn owls both nested in this barn in 1992, however, I feel it is very likely at least the male is the same bird which was last seen in the barn in December 1992.

The other report I wish to make is that of an immature bald eagle Pat Schlarbaum and I saw at Bays Branch Wildlife Area on August 16, 1993. The bird may have been this year's offspring, since it was uniformly dark. No bald eagle nests are known to exist nearby at present, however.

Sorry for being late with these reports!

Sincerely,

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Nongame Wildlife Technician

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