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Dear Sir:

Pardon the delay in answering your letter of February 21st. I was much interested in reading your letter and I appreciate your enclosing a copy of your synopsis of your thesis based on your study at Lake Odessa in 1950. I am glad to have this copy which I have read carefully and with great interest. In a general way your findings certainly parallel mine where the situations were alike.

In your third paragraph you ask about the matter of nest predation by squirrels. I have a great many gray squirrels, practically no fox squirrels. I know that other students have noted heavy predation by squirrels but I am wondering whether the trouble might have been concentrated with fox squirrels rather than gray squirrels. It is quite possible that there is a difference in the habits of the two.

My paper did not include my 1951 observations but again I had a season with no damage occasioned by squirrels although there were an unusual number of them around. Just last Saturday I went over my 16 or 17 boxes and removed a number of old squirrel nests that had been accumulated last autumn. There were no young, as yet, in any of the nests.

As mentioned in my article I have no racoons or opossum in my city area.

If you have occasion at any time, especially during the nesting season, I would appreciate your stopping to see me.

Yours very truly,

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