

ARCTIC RESEARCH LABORATORY
BOX 1310 : FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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LABORATORY LOCATED AT
POINT BARROW, ALASKA

Via Air Mail

May 22, 1951

Mr. James W. Bee
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bee:

Thank you for your letter of May 11th and the more detailed explanation of your proposed field work. I appreciate your desire to cover as much country as possible, but must reiterate that flying conditions on the Arctic Slope are much grimmer than those in Central United States. I cannot insist that the local bush flyers install auxiliary tanks in their planes in order to take care of our peculiar needs. Bush flying and other field work will be organized in such a manner as to give as much support in the field as possible, but there can be no guarantee concerning the number of flying hours that will be available to any investigator.

Flights outside Petroleum Reserve No. 4 are not permitted under the terms of the contract whereby Transocean Air Lines operates bush planes for the Arctic Contractors. It therefore will be impossible to comply with your very urgent request that you be transported to your Station 5 located a considerable distance beyond the limits of the Reserve. However, as I mentioned in one of my recent letters, every effort will be made to give you adequate time in the field.

It is my personal opinion, and that is backed by those of other people who have had a good many years of field work in mammalogy, that a six or seven day stay *at* one point is rarely sufficient to permit a collector to adequately sample the mammal population in that area. It is the general consensus of opinion among those to whom I have talked that one can more profitably devote a considerably longer time to