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Dear Jim;

How goes everything? I have been meaning to drop you a line for some time now. Is the mammal project for the ONR completed? I will be interested to see the results.

We are just now finishing up our completion report to the ONR on the birds of the Colville, and are now faced with the task of rewriting the whole thing, in a somewhat condensed form, for publication. The task is somewhat complicated by the fact that I am now at the University of California, Los Angeles, a good many thousand miles from my collaborators in Alaska.

We are attempting to bring together all published and unpublished records that we can obtain, and in this regard I would like to ask you about the bird records that you and your group obtained on the Arctic slope. If you have no plans for publishing these yourself and if your records could be made available to us in some way, we would very much like to include them in our report. Our discussion is to concern the entire Colville drainage, which covers a good part of the Arctic slope, and I know you have many pertinent records--particularly nesting data. Your stuff from Chandler Lake, for instance, would be most useful to us, since we have very little information from the upper reaches of the drainage. I believe you said you found Smith's Longspurs there; they did not occur in any of the areas visited by us.

Dr. Kessel and I do not want to impinge upon anyone's work, and if your bird data are being, or going to be, worked up for publication that is all well and good, but if they are just being filed away for safekeeping, it does seem like a good opportunity to put them to use.

It looks as though I shall, regretably, be removed from the Alaskan scene for some time, as I am now engaged in doctoral studies at U.C.L.A. Here they seem to have a nasty way of expecting one to make up what they call "undergraduate deficiencies."

P.S. I have put together a bibliography of some 700 odd titles on Alaskan ornithology. Would you like a copy?

Sincerely yours,

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