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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 14, 1957

Mr. James William Bee
1233 Ohio Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bee:

We have received your application for a Federal Scientific Collecting permit to authorize you to collect migratory birds and the nests and eggs of migratory birds in the Virgin Islands for use in connection with a preliminary faunal survey of the Islands being conducted under the sponsorship of the National Park Service and the University of Kansas.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, it has never been determined by administrative or judicial decision that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918, as amended (16 U.S.C. 703-711), is applicable to the Virgin Islands. Although these Islands do not have the status of a "Territory" comparable to the territorial status of Alaska and Hawaii, it is, nevertheless, possible that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act is sufficiently broad in its coverage to afford protection to all species of migratory birds found in or on the Virgin Islands. Accordingly, to such extent as may be required by existing law, the enclosed scientific collecting permit, being No. 11888, will authorize you to collect migratory bird specimens on the Virgin Islands subject to the terms and conditions stated in the permit. You will note that the permit is conditioned upon compliance with State, territorial and such other Federal laws and regulations as may be applicable and that the permit does not authorize the collecting of specimens of wildlife, other than migratory birds. A copy of Form 3-430a, containing a list of the migratory birds which are afforded protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, is enclosed.

The National Park Service administers laws and regulations governing the collection of wildlife specimens on national parks and other areas under its administrative jurisdiction. Accordingly, a copy of your application for a permit from this Service and copies of the letters, both dated June 6, written in your behalf by Dr. E. Raymond Hall and Mr. Sydney Anderson, Director and Assistant Curator of Mammals, respectively, of the Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, are being referred to the National Park Service for further