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Dear Pat:

Attached is a copy of a letter to Bill Hilvers.

A sharpshooter like you probably wouldn't need more than fifty-one shells to get the fifty birds, but I think it would be advisable to take along not less than six boxes and preferably eight. They have some duck shooting that you might want to get in on, and I understand it is almost impossible to get shells up in that country unless Bill should have an extra supply for those in his party who couldn't get any elsewhere.

As I understand it there will be about forty or fifty newspaper men including Ernie Kahler, publisher of Sioux Falls, who is on the Fish and Game Commission. The town of Woonsocket really turns out for the party because they see the advantage of publicity for hunting in that area. Bill will arrange rooms for us either in the hotel or in some private residences.

He tells me they make arrangements to have two or three wardens go along to keep track of the birds and to see that the boys stay within the rules. Then they have arranged for folks in Woonsocket to clean all the birds each night. At the end of the trip they are taken down to Sioux Falls and packed in dry-ice for those who want them shipped or to carry them home. The limit is ten birds per day and fifty to take home.

It should be a grand trip, particularly because Woonsocket provides the best hunting in South Dakota, and all arrangements will be made in advance. It is mighty good of you to furnish the transportation, and I hope nothing will interfere with our making the trip.

Love to all,