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BRANCH OF PREDATOR AND RODENT CONTROL

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

November 19, 1959

Mr. Eliot F. Porter
Route 1, Box 33
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

You expressed appreciation for our letter of September 3, 1959 in connection with your proposal to prepare a paper on the predatory animal control work being done in New Mexico, and particularly called attention to the fact that it was not generally publicized that New Mexico had a large area fenced sheep-proof in which the sheep run in sheep pastures and where coyotes have been for all practical purposes, eliminated.

In connection with this area I recently made a trip from Albuquerque to Roswell, and on this trip after entering the sheep-proofed area east of the Estancia Valley, I noted a large number of skunks and other small predators had been run over; and after leaving Vaughn, I counted the animals from there to Roswell. This tally indicated there were 34 skunks, 1 fox and 2 badgers.

I mentioned this count to Assistant District Agent Barker of our Service, who is stationed in Roswell; and he stated it is quite common to see these small predators along the highway in these sheep-proofed areas, and that he would make some counts. He now informs me that on October 13 he counted the animals which had been run over in the road from Roswell to Corona via Capitan. His count showed 3 foxes, 1 housecat, 5 hawks, 10 porcupines and 19 skunks. On October 16, from Vaughn to Roswell via Corona, he counted 5 hawks, 2 badgers, 4 porcupines and 14 skunks. On October 19, from Roswell to Tatum, he counted 2 hawks, 19 skunks, 2 foxes and 1 housecat.

This information is being furnished you since I believe it is an indication of the density of the population of the smaller predators, particularly skunks, in the area in question. We have already furnished you some information indicating that fox populations were heavier in the areas that coyote control is effective than in other areas of the State.

Mr. Eliot F. Porter

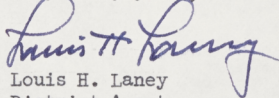
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I hope this is the type of information that will be beneficial to you.

Since copies of the previous correspondence were furnished to the offices listed below, a copy of this letter is also being sent to them.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis H. Laney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Louis" being more prominent and the last name "Laney" following in a similar style.

Louis H. Laney
District Agent

CC - Commissioner,
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Washington 25, D. C.

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