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Mr. Stuart Gentling
To Mr. Ralph Carr
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Dear Mr. Gentling.

How extremely kind of you to call
me on the phone. I was so delighted to hear from you
and was so interested in what you had to say. I leave
for Florida the day after to-morrow. I look forward to
receiving your letter there and will answer it in detail.
But in the meantime here is just a brief note.

I took my copy of Alice Ford's
biography of Audubon down to my local library to
xerox the illustration of the Grackles print for you. I
found they had just put in a new machine and so I
was able to get a really clear reproduction for you.
If you will look closely with a magnifying glass

over

you will see That the line just under the tail of the wack reads "Engraved by W. H. Lizans". (The z in Lizans has faded.) This in spite of the fact that Alice Ford says the plate was engraved by Alexander Lawton.

Lizans, as you know, engraved the first ten plates of Birds of America for Audubon. Harell did the rest. In the Lizans plate the plate legend always read "Engraved by W. H. Lizans, Edin^r." but note that in the plate we are discussing there is no "Edin^r."

I thought you might be interested in knowing a bit more about my forthcoming book so I am enclosing a brief outline.

While we were talking I neglected to get your address so again I am writing you care of Mr. Carr.

With all good wishes,

J. J. Linn

(Mrs. Francis H. Linn)

P.S. With your interest in birds I thought you might be interested that just off our property on the Miles River, the river is so packed with geese I don't think one more could fit in. Further out is a huge flock of Tundra Swans, about 60 Canada geese, 6 Blackbirds, dozen Mallards, two Brookhills, and hundreds of Puddy Ducks. The noise is wonderful. S.H.L.