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Ms. Nancy Boote, Director
Woodson Research Center
Fondren Library
Rice University
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Ms. Boote,

In spite of the fact that the main purpose of this mailout is to bring our book to the notice of people outside Texas, we certainly do not want to ignore important collections within our state. Fred White Jr., bookseller at Bryan, Texas, told me to get in touch with you about Of Birds and Texas.

Mr. Carr's letter accompanying this note states that this prospectus is our first mailing to libraries outside Texas, but the fact is that we have not sent mailouts to anybody who has not contacted us first. I would very much like to place a book with Rice University. In fact some months ago we sold a book to a Houston client, a physician who told me that ^{the} ~~his~~ purchase would one day be a gift to the University. Perhaps a copy now resides somewhere in one of your libraries.

If you are interested, please call me and I will reserve you a book. You will be under no obligation to purchase, but now that orders from libraries in the rest of the country are now coming in as a result of our mailout, you might just miss the chance to get one. I hope that ^{you} ~~they~~ enjoying our prospectus. The color plates are signed and are quite handsome when framed. Our telephone numbers are 1-817-332-7059 (with answering service) and #17-738-4427.

Sincerely yours,
Howard Gentling

P.S. From Brown write about his years at Rice University in his essay "Recollections of a Texas Bird Collector," which he compiled for OF BIRDS AND TEXAS.

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