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Moore Haven, Florida, August 31st, 26.

Mrs J.M. Willson Jr.
Grand Hotel,
N.Y. City.

Dear Mrs Wilson.:-

Indeed I was highly pleased to receive your letter of August 25th, and wish to hasten to give my favorable opinion on your proposed "Everglades Sanctuary" in fact more than that congratulate you.

You may rely on my co-operation in any way possible, for eighteen years I have been interested in Birds, the last ten however, has been given over much to breeding and developing the Roller Canary for special tours as my work was so that I found it difficult to get away even sundays.

Was so sorry to hear of your having been confined, I do not now see what would happen to me were I to be so unfortunate but none of us are immune, This causes me to realize few of us are appreciative of our health and the many divine benefits for which we fail to show our appreciation.

My place is only begun, in fact hardly started but is in my opinion the ideal place and can be developed into something of unusual importance and benefit.

I implore you to set your goal for the 100000 acres you have in mind, go for it, we should have it, we CAN GET IT, by educating the school children we can win any cause, you are on the right tract and I fully believe now is the opportune time, do not hesitate, but begin now to formulate your plans, begin I would suggest by organizing your forces, if I can in my humble way assist you I'll serve in any capacity, in any manner.

A number have mentioned to me the necessity of an organization to go even further than any of the good organizations in Fla, or any State, to bring to our land birds of various types that are not found here and raise them to supply to the various Zoo's and educational institutions, in fact there is considerable advance necessary if we are to capitalize this great climate and natural habitats.

Florida Birds of the World Ass'n is the name suggested and I think about decided upon, but at that time I was living at Miami since moving here I have not had the time or inclination to take the matter up fully as I did not believe they had the proper power and ability to win behind the leaders.

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should such a thing appeal to you and you be in a position that you could give your time and ability in pursuit of success for your goal I will give you all of my support and co-operate with you in every way.

If you will take the presidency of the Ass'n I am sure I can help you, but in justice to your success you should name some of your co-workers. suppose you think about fostering the movement to perfect the plan with say an active Vice president in every County, a director General with three directors in each town, a board of Governors of say twenty one to be selected at random from those interested sufficient to give a "We-Bit" of their time to the matter, select influential people of both Ladies and Gentlemen. With the officers selected you can go on and organize the State in its entirety. have a Pres, Vice, Prec, 2nd V.P. Secretary and a Treasurer, by no means have a Sec, and Treas in one.

I have been for years Sec, and Sec, Treas and know the needs of the offices, also the embarrassment of a double barrey officer.

There is a splendid opportunity to launch a bigger and better Ass'n, there is need for it, surely it will come why not now in the face of your gigantic and most necessary project? lets work for action.

Decide what you want to do and in what capacity you think I can help and I shall be most happy to join in. can give you the results of my experience in such work if it will benefit you in the least, I know full well it takes workers and not talkers, back-bone and not wishbone, that is the reason I have not taken seriously to the movement as proposed some time ago.

To me the successful completion of your plan will be a god send to the entire United States, nothing would do me more good than to give every bit of my energy in its behalf, it goes so much further than anything I know of that has ever been proposed that you should by all means begin to formulate your plans for a systematic attack with out delay.

With an organization such as the one we have or planed you can raise sufficient funds to pay you well for your time and allow you a private secretary and have money with which to carry on, by membership we can accomplish things that money will not, opinions vote and you must realize the importance of a well organized Association. we could have a Junior dept, every last school child would belong, every Scout, this would mean untold influence when backed up with sufficient funds.

You asked me what I can use from you for our monthly magazine; I am pleased to tell you anything you care to contribute along the lines of caged birds or the influence of birds in the home or aviary, this is the only magazine for birds that would pay its cost at this time with such excellent journals as Nature magazine and others.

Even though I have handled the publication by proxy for the last two years as my business is still in Louisville Ky we have done well in face of handicaps, with other duties I have been unable to take full management again as the financial returns do not justify, and too, my present Secretary has been with me for years a very capable person.

Will be glad to hear from you in regards to anything I can do to assist you in your good cause.

Sincerely and cordially.

Howard Fogg.