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Mr. Ian I. McMillan
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Dear Ian:

In a recent letter from Duff, the following information was reported. I think you should know about this, if you do not already.

"Last Tuesday night at the Society's monthly meeting, Sid Peyton told Wade Fox that Lewis Wayne Walker was there and would like to give a report on the condor situation. Walker is not a member and in light of what has transpired I thought he was very out of place. He told about his efforts to trap the condors and seemed to think that he would have to abandon the project as it was getting too late in the year as the birds might be nesting. He said that he thought that they should be given permission to take 4 condor eggs and hatch them as the condors were about done for anyway. He based this statement on his experience that 14 carcasses used for bait had only attracted 17 (?) condors. He stated he thought it would be possible for them to get permission to take 4 eggs. He also proposed that all condors should be taken to Guadalupe Island where there were lots of dead sheep for them to feed on. In conclusion he stated that the sportsmen of Fillmore were up in arms over the condor refuge that removed so much good hunting territory from them. I think I have given you the picture he gave to the meeting with a fair degree of accuracy. Some of us wonder what part if any he had played in arousing the sportsmen of the Fillmore area if they are aroused."

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Pitelka

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