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Mr. Ralph K. Bell  
Clarksville,  
Pennsylvania

Dear Ralph:

I received today a letter from Gordon Knight saying that you and George Hall netted 54 birds on the Alleghany Front at Petersburg, September 11--14. I am sorry that we did not send you Operation Recovery forms and let you in on our 1958 plans for the coastal operations.

We are delighted that you had such good success on the mountain and I wonder if it might be possible for you to get together with other banders along the Alleghenies and initiate a full-scale netting program for the fall of 1959. Such an operation would be extremely valuable, not only for the information that it would produce regarding migration along the mountain ridges, but also for direct comparison with netting operations at coastal concentration spots.

Gordon Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reynolds were each down at Ocean City for a few days this fall--long enough to get familiar with our techniques along the coast. I feel sure they would be glad to assist in a netting program in the Appalachians.

Under separate cover I am sending to you and to each of the people listed at the end of this letter a reprint of the 1957 O.R. summary. I am also enclosing a summary of the 1958 report from Ocean City.

If there is anything we can do to help in setting up a network of banders in the ridges, we shall be most happy to help in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

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