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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Alan Bible
Chairman, Subcommittee for Interior
and Related Agencies
Appropriations Committee
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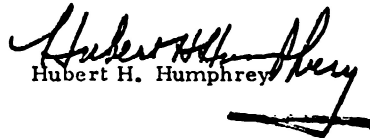
Dear Mr. Chairman:

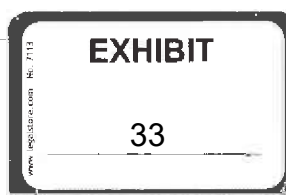
I am forwarding to you a statement on the need for wildlife habitat research by the USDA Forest Service in the Lake States. The attached statement outlines the research needed and the strong support clearly given this by a wide range of wildlife conservation groups in Minnesota. I would be pleased if you could include it in the record of hearings on the Forest Service budget for 1973. The program endorsed by these 13 groups requires an increase in Forest Service appropriations for wildlife habitat research of \$300,000.

Also enclosed is a statement of mine which I would appreciate having made part of the record.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,


Hubert H. Humphrey



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December 17, 1971

Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Humphrey:

We, the authorized representatives of groups concerned about the environment in Minnesota forests, agree on the following statements:

1. Habitat for many species of wildlife is deteriorating, in both managed and unmanaged forests.
2. Among the species so affected are many that have great aesthetic and emotional value and some that are rare and endangered.
3. Emergency habitat improvements are generally expensive and inadequate.
4. Wildlife habitat needs should be identified and measures to protect and enhance habitats should be built into all forest management programs.

In looking for ways to accomplish habitat improvement we are impressed by the research program proposed by the North Central Forest Experiment Station, U. S. Forest Service, in St. Paul. We are pleased to see that:

1. They intend to integrate existing knowledge and construct forest management systems that will be helpful in the immediate future, while allowing for later refinement as research bears fruit.
2. They include the requirements for all forest wildlife, especially the rare and endangered species.
3. They consider both managed and unmanaged forest ecosystems.
4. They have coordinated their planning with that of the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and other research agencies, in order to do problem-oriented research without duplication of effort.

We believe that integrated research, leading to forest management prescriptions, is necessary to restore and protect the environment for wildlife in Minnesota and the neighboring Lake States. We think that this can be done through the kind of program proposed by the North Central Forest Experiment Station.

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Can we count on your personal help in obtaining an appropriation for this work?

Respectfully yours,

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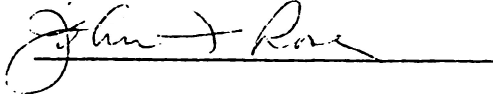
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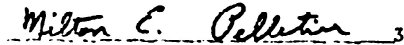
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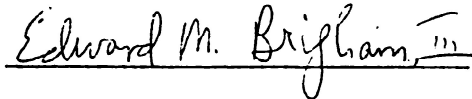
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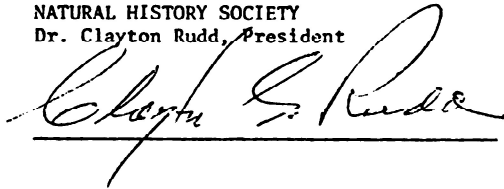
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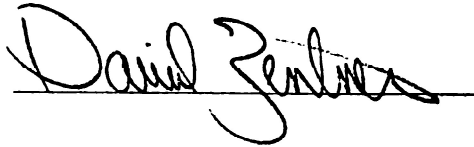
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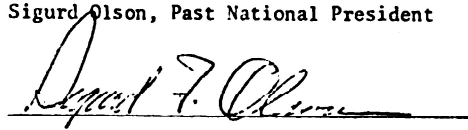
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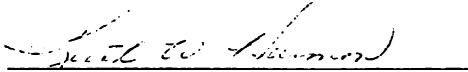
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