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Dear Mr Crandall:

Recently I have been working rather heavily on bringing up to date a work that you and Dr Mann helped me start back in 1948, the longevity of Mammals in Captivity. However after getting to Europe in 1951 and talking with such fellows as Dr Harrison Matthews, Osman Hill, and Wilhelm Windecker at Cologne, I realized that this work should also include exhibition data, since so much had been destroyed in the war, and lost.

Since my return home, I have been prodded almost weekly ^{friend} by my good Ernest Walker of Washington, and also by the new Assistant Director Lear Grimmer, to complete this thing and get it ready for publication. In the meantime I have ceased almost completely writings concerning Zoos in Europe and the US, hence the lack of reports and letters.


Enclosed is the first part that I would like to mail to the addressee's indicated. I have received full cooperation from all concerned. While in London last year Matthews gave me not only full liberty to go thru all of the London files, but all of the private papers and much unprinted materiel of the late Sir Stanley Flower. After return home Dr Mann again allowed me unlimited access to the National Park files, and as a complete surprise Freeman Shelly turned over to me the records of all the Mammals that have ever been exhibited by Philadelphia Zoo.

I remember well the many Saturdays and weekdays that I spent at New York Zoo back in the 1947 to 1951 period looking over the card catalogue and checking figures. I would like to make a check of these cards once again next month, to get final figures and erase any mistakes. Also I realise that many things have occurred since 1951 which will be of interest.

Also at this time I would like to get the permission of the Society to publish this data, later this year, in the form of a series of papers. At this time I have no publisher or sponsor, except interest by the National Research Council and the Smithsonian. Also I would like your permission to mail the four copies to the addressees indicated. I will not do so until I have your answer. It would be a shame not include the New York Zoological Park records in this work of mine.

Since I undersatnd that you are doing a work on Mammals in captivity it is possible that this paper of mine will be of some value to you, and help you in some way.

With kindest regards to all, I am
Sincerely


SFC Marvin L Jones