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Dear Mr Crandall:

Over the weekend I had several fine chats with our mutual friend Dr Ernest P Walker, and most of these talks concerned my checklist.

One item in particular is the basis of this letter. Do you know of any organization of scientific type that would be interested in giving to me a Grant of about \$ 500,00. for the publication in multilith form of the checklist in its present format, and for for a short trip to three major Zoos of the Western part of the US for further valuable data.

In December Freeman Shelly approached the Philosophical Society at both my request and Dr Walkers but they have turned me down. Now as this summer is approaching, I realise that this will no doubt be my last here in the US for at least one to three years, and I would like to get the list out for critical comments and additions by those zoos which I cannot get to personally and also secure additional data, prior to any permanent type of publication. As it now stands I would like to get it out prior to the meeting of the AAZPA in Philadelphia, where Dr Schroeder has given me a chance to talk to the general membership on the merits of the project.

My request for \$ 500.00 has been based on investigation of the best yet most economical of reproduction forms here in the DC area. This will take about \$ 300. for 300 copies, a very small sum. The booklets would be distributed free, since any casts requested would cut down its practicality in getting it around the world. The remaining money would be used for a trip of some 20 days duration to the Zoos in Chicago, St Louis, San Diego, and several of those in Texas for additional longevity data, and exhibition data. This I feel is necessary to give the work a broader view from the American standpoint. All secretarial work would be done by me, and would save valuable time and additional funds.

I would appreciate very much your comments on any organizations in the New York area, or any area of the US that you think might consider my request at this time.

Your past counsel has been a great inspiration to go on.

Sincerely yours



SFC Marvin L Jones