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Dear Dr Goss:

Further as to my notes on the Bongo. While I have not yet received a reply from Dr Matthews in London, I am quite sure that he will have some full information for you on the specimens that they had back in the pre-war days.

This past Sunday I looked over the files of the Der Zoologische Magazine in the collection of the US National Museum and could find no reference to the London specimens, tho there was a short reference, under new article in which Krumbiegel mentioned that Rome had recently received a male. The article of Krumbiegels was published in a magazine of which all copies were destroyed in Germany during the War, and no American library ever had them. This seems to satisfy me that Germany never exhibited a Bongo.

As to the London animals there in the 1930's. These like the one at New York was captured by Col Smith in Kenya, so was of the race issaci the same as Doreen. Col Smith captured a full grown female who later proved to be pregnant. The second animal that arrived with this female was her baby born in the Red Sea, and on board the Dutch motorship HEEMSKERK. Since the animal was a rarity and had considerable publicity attached to it, the animal was given a inscribed birth certificate signed by the Captain of the ship. A copy of this birth certificate, and also pictures taken of the animal shortly after birth, are to be found in Vol 1, Number 9 of the magazine ZOO which was published by the Zoological Society of London in February 1937. This was at the time of Huxleys secretaryship.

This same issue of ZOO also shows the mother in Africa, and also the baby and mother at London zoo. I enclose a copy of the birth certificate for your information. The baby was the one that died first in London, and according to the Report of the Prosector for the year, died of Bovine Tuberculosis. The mother died in a year when the report was not published. The copy of magazine ZOO is in the office of Dr Theodore Reed of National Zoo, and I am sure he can get a photostatic copy if you desire.

Yesretday I received a routine letter from one of my best foreign correspondents, Dr Bernhard Grzimek of the Frankfurt Zoo. I had casually mentioned to him that you were getting a Bongo, but was really surprised at his information. It once again shows that Dr G is one of the shrewdest, and best Zoo Directors in Europe. I mean this as a compliment and not as a ~~XXXXXXXX~~ criticism.

You will be happy to know that his letter dated the 25th of this month states that the animal will arrive in Frankfurt in a few days, and will of course stay there two months in quarantine. This will mean however that the animal will be on public view, behind glass. From there she goes on to Cleveland. Since this animal is almost adult she should be a fine animal. Dr G mentions knowing this animal 14 months, and that it is in Nairobi captured by a friend of his. This means that it is also a issaci bongo. Since it has been the custom of Frankfurt to put out a large amount of publicity on rare animals that arrive at the zoo in the form of press releases, and also since I receive all of these press releases as a matter of courtesy and friendship, I will look forward to the one on the Bongo, and will try and translate it for you when it arrived.

Also of interest is the note that the female Gerenuk of Frankfurt which arrived in 1956 has died in January, after her second birth. The youngster is alive, at the present time raised by bottle. They now have four, three of them bred in the zoo. Grzimek also has a pair of Snow Leopards and a Clouded Leopard, and two of the Bentengs born in the Berlin (West) Zoo have arrived at the zoo in September.

Hoping that this information will prove of some value, I am

Sincerely

Marvin L Jones
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BONGO BORN ON BOARD SHIP

**BORN ON BOARD THE DUTCH STEAMSHIP HEEMSKERK OF THE HOLLAND AFRICA LINE
AT A LATITUDE OF 22 DEGREES 23 MINUTES NORTH AND A LONGITUDE OF 37
DEGREES 29 MINUTES EAST IN THE RED SEA ON 12 DECEMBER 1936 AT 7 PM WAS
HEEMSKERK, BONGO ANTELOPE, FATHER UNKNOWN, MOTHER MUKIRI.**

/s/ Captain

/s/ Two Witnesses

Mother was captured by Col Percy Smith in the Aberdare Mountains of Kenya