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Dear Lee:

Here are several items for your reading interest.

One is the second section of the Primate list. The other is an article by a zoo friend of mine, Richard Reynolds on Asian Rhinos in Zoos. This has been prepared for use in the forthcoming International Zoo Yearbook, and represents a great deal of research into Rhinos. Why he is interested in this one type of animal I do not know, but then who ever knows why people take one particular animal and investigate it thoroughly.

Mr Reynolds is like myself a "rocking chair zoologist". His profession is a lawyer by trade, being one of the members of Reynolds and Reynolds of Atlanta, Georgia, a rather good sized firm which handles ICC type cases. Because of the various freedom rides thru the south he has more work than he can handle, but this also allows for much travel. He has seen most of the major American zoos, usually while on business in those cities that have zoos. His father is also a great zoo and circus buff, and both have a good working knowledge of zoo animals, and zoos, however not as deeply as I have. Nevertheless they have a good stock of information on past exhibits, and a keen set of minds for research, which naturally a lawyer must have.

When you have finished with this piece, you may show it to Joe Davis if he is interested, and then return it to me. Personally I feel that there is a lot of information in this article that has been never really revealed before to the general zoo public.

Yesterday the Canadian Government gave to the National Zoo two Beavers with a baby born after capture. They are supposedly a mated pair, and were taken by the Canadian Wildlife men in recent weeks. This opens the first exhibit in the re-modeled Beaver Valley of the zoo, which has been done for one year but has lacked exhibits.

The long-term living male Red-faced Uakari at National Zoo died on the past Sunday. This was a rather rickety animal when it first arrived at the zoo, a present from a DC man, who had it as a pet. After several years however it ~~recovered~~ recovered quite well, and being placed with a Squirrel Monkey for a companion did very well. In the last year, the full vivid red of the face, and a wonderful heavy coat of hair made it perhaps the best Uakari I have ever seen. It was sick for a few days, however continued eating, then suddenly died. The cause as of now, still unknown. This leaves the Philadelphia female, who still is fine, in undisputed possession of the title of oldest in captivity. If she can keep it up one more ~~more~~ year it will mean 10 years for one of these rare and delicate animals in a Northern Zoo.

Incidentally I noted in a DC paper travel section that the Gorilla at Goulds Monkey Jungle near Miami still is doing well. He supposedly now weighs 550 lbs. This is the first news of this animal I have had in years.

Starting on the Rodent mats next week, and yesterday the Carnivore list was done over for re-checking. Things are really going faster than I originally expected.

Regards to all

*W. M.*