

USAR Center, Louisiana Hall
Ft Myer, Arlington 8, Va
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Dear Lee:

This is just a brief letter of request for data re births of Lesser Panda in captivity. Grzimek has just sent to me one of his Presse Notiz which states that the birth of a Lesser Panda in Frankfurt in June was the second instance of breeding in all the worlds zoos. This I know is false. He mentions only the breeding at Chester as the other zoo to have bred this animal. Personally I know of births at London in 1919, Calcutta 1919, Basel 1952, Rotterdam 1956, Chester 1955, San Diego 1941 and San Francisco 1958. The latter two zoos have bred frequently since the dates mentioned. What I would like is any data you have in addition to the above, so I may reply to Grzimek, who I have found welcomes critical comments on any errors he may publish.

Was at National Zoo Friday afternoon to show my slides to the keepers. Ted is having the National Geographic make me a set for my own use, a very kind gesture, and one that would normally cost quite a bit.

National Zoo has received several new animals recently. Charles Thomas, the keeper who was in Liberia and Ted Roth on one of his trips back secured between them, 1 Kaupifalco monogrammicus, 1 Martial Eagle (*P. bellicosus*), several Vitelline Masked Weaver, and some Reptiles, plus a spitfire of a female Leopard from Liberia. This will be formally presented to the zoo by President Tubman on the 29th. Seago sent in addition to the Giraffe (two female Masai, arrived 30 Sep) one Cape Ratel, three Kenya Jumping Hares (*Pedetes surdaster*), one Caracal, one African Golden Cat (*F. aurata*) a real rarity to American zoos, one Lesser Hooded Vulture, one Griffon Vulture, and one Long-crested Hawk Eagle (*L. occipitalis*). Also several Reptiles, which I am not keeping stock of these days.

One Hoatzin still is doing fine, it was temporarily placed with a Grey Touraco for several days, however they did not match, so is alone again. Still living primarily on spinach and kale, and will shortly be in the zoo three months. The zoo also received 4 Demoiselle and 2 European Cranes from visiting President of the Sudan last week.

For your additional information Columbus has bred Mandrills for many years, so there is another to add to the score. Also they have now several Tamandua. Will try and find dates of arrival, they are so delicate.

Best regards to all



Sfc Marvin L Jones



"Fishes Flag"
at Boys' Festival