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cockatoo*

Dear Lee:

Just a short note.

In a recent letter Christian Schmidt of Zurich mentioned that the Friarbird that they received 12 August 1954 was killed by other birds in the mixed exhibit where it lives on 12 September 1968. He thought this might be a record for Friarbirds, but not being too keen on them could not say. Could you give me your opinion on this.

Not too much else new, a letter from Ivo Poglayen tells me of his collection and hopes for 69. It looks from a number of reports already received that Wattled Cranes are being captured in fair numbers in Botswana and sent to zoos. Quite a few have taken orders for 1969. I had always thought them rare in Africa, what do you know about this bird re wild status.

See that Rotterdam opened a new Monkey-Nocturnal House with Aardvarks (maybe they will try to breed them too), the usual Galagoes, Loris etc. House in general is quite conventional, altho airy. *They + Guzman had Skapi. betw.*

Can you ask Grace for her home address? I would like to write her there if she is willing to part with it.

Very sorry to see her go next year, a real blow to the zoo. Do I gather that your daily visits to the zoo may slow down also as a result, or would this just be assumption on my part.

Lang has just put out a nice new Guide to Basel, have you seen it?

Regards



Marvin

PS

Would you ask Bill if I could get on the ANIMAL KINGDOM mailing list again, nothing has come yet from Bronx, *since mid-summer.*