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Dear Gentlemen:

I am sending this letter to each of you, since the organizations that you represent have been from the very first my most enthusiastic supporters. At this time I need some advice very urgently, and some help for the Mammals in Captivity project.

In 1959, when the project was just about completed, after 10 years of intensive research, it was decided to solicit funds from the major Zoo Societies in the US and abroad. A total of \$375 was received at this time. In June a extensive tour was made to all of the major Zoological Gardens of the United States, lasting some 20 days. During this trip, much valuable data was secured, especially on the Zoos of the American West and Southwest. From the fund a total of \$175 was deducted to defray the \$625 cost of this trip.

September of 1959 saw the writer at the annual meeting of the AAZPA where many contacts were made, and the project introduced to all members. An appeal was made at that time for funding, however none was received.

Unfortunately immediately after the conclusion of this conference I received word of transfer to a new assignment. Therefore all research work was stepped up in tempo so that the checklist could be done where I was going. Korea was the assignment. Publication facilities were not available in this poor oriental land for any type of work, resulting in a delay. Here fate took a hand, and I was informed only 30 days after arrival that my sole dependent, my mother had died. This required a immediate rush ~~home~~ to take care of all arrangements and since unknown to the writer, my dependent had used all of our meagre savings for necessities, required the outlay immediately of several hundred dollars for transportation to and from California for me and other incidentals relative to the funereal and settling of the estate. While it was regretted, the only course available short of financial ruin was to use the \$200 that remained in the Mammals in Captivity fund.

In June of 1960 I was presented with the opportunity of taking in late July a short 8 day leave to Japan, to be my only possible chance of seeing this modern land of the east. Considering that Americans in general and zoo men in particular knew at that time very little of the Zoos and the Aquariums of this nation, I took this offer. Fortunately the US Air Force provided round-trip air accommodations to and from Japan, however all expenses that were incurred in Japan were paid for by the writer. This tour, which proved to be very valuable in experience, cost approximately \$ 175.00. Sufficient materiel was made available during this tour was several articles on the zoos for all concerned. International Zoo News has been serializing this report in the last six issues of that magazine.

Upon my return to the US in January of this year, a tour was made to the major zoos along the route to Washington. While the transportation was paid for by the government, other expenses were paid for by the writer, costing over \$150. However prudent living in Korea had permitted the accumulation of funds sufficient to defray this cost.

Presently I have a assignment that can be called extremely fortunate. As a Assistant Senior Advisor to six US Army Reserve units, most of my work takes place in the evenings and on occasional weekends. This allows what would be considered normal work hours free, for pursuit of zoological activities. This has the concurrence of the local Commander. The Washington area in general has almost unrivalled facilities for research and I have been able in the last weeks to bring the project up to date, and get started on publication.

The US Army has been most kind. I am permitted to use this, my office typewriter for all correspondence etc relative to the project. The mimeograph stencils are being furnished by the Army, and cut on this machine. All that I am required to furnish is the paper, and the ink. We have a good AB Dick mimeographing machine here, and I can do all of the work relative to the checklists right here in the area. Mats can be cut, run off, prepared and stapled together, envelopes addressed and mailed from this location. A wonderful opportunity.

Part I was mailed to 165 Zoos and serious students ending the 5th of last month. The cost of mailing including envelopes came to \$ 37.00. The Postoffice has refused a request for second class mail programming privileges. Part I with the introduction took 14 reams of mimeograph paper at a cost of \$ 3.00 per ream or a total of \$42.00. The total for this part then, exclusive of some 14 trips into Washington checking on data came to \$79.00 or about 1/2 of my pay for this period of time. Part II is now in the process of mailing, and so far has cost over \$30.00. It is obvious that I am unable to support this project as a "labor of love", considering the many things that I require as necessities, and a few luxuries for myself. Savings must be put away for the Rochester meetings, and other travel.

It was hoped that once copies of the Checklist was in the hands of other zoo men, that they would be willing to help contribute to the costs involved. I must admit to be very disappointed. So far I have received only 22 replies to the list, out of some 165 letters. None of the major American Zoos, except yours, has had even time for a reply. I have had letters from several of the smaller to medium sized zoos, and one sent a cheque for \$25 the San Francisco Zoo. Naturally all of the smaller zoos run on a tight and restricted budget, so nothing is forthcoming from them. My mentor Ernest P Walker sent a contribution which has aided in the mailing of Part II.

The response from Europe has also been very disheartening. Only 5 zoos have sent replies thus far, even tho the list arrived there on the 10th. One here has promised assistance, Dr Hediger at Zurich, however it will be sent via normal banking channels, which means a lengthy process. Today my first reply was received from the orient, and Dr Koga mentions that in the future the Tokio Zoological Society may be able to help.

I have as of this afternoon completed all basic research on Part III, the Primates. This along with those sections on the Ungulata and Carnivora will be of the greatest interest to zoo men, and I feel that to stop the project at this stage would be tragic. However I have no alternative unless, aid is immediately forthcoming. Part III will run to over 100 pages, so that paper alone will cost about \$ 160. By splitting a page down the center much valuable space can be saved. Mail will run to a expected amount of near \$ 75.00. This means a minimum of \$ 150 is required now.

As I tried in 1958 and 1959, several of the Fund organizations, were again solicited this year, however none seem to be interested in this type of project, all feel that zoos should pay. This seems certainly out of order, since I saw so many millions being wasted in Korea on what were silly projects, doing no one any good but the student, but nothing can be done.

At this time I am requesting your aid and assistance, and much more importantly your advice, re my plight. Perhaps one of you knows of a organization that would be willing to offer support now, or in the immediate future. Perhaps once Part III has been distributed, the other zoos will wake from their lethargy and "get on the bandwagon". Since I will give a talk at Rochester, I am sure that a "plug" for the project can then be given. My talk at the conference is tentatively entitled "Aardwolves to Zebra Duikers, Rare Animals in European Zoological Gardens". It will be illustrated by slides in colour, being taken in Europe at this time.

Gentlemen, please send me your comments on my problem at your earliest convenience. Since everything has been completed so well, I hate to drop things at this time. Anything you can offer will be heartfully and sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



SFC Marvin I. Jones