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Dear Marvin -

Thanks for your letters of the 16th and 17th. I have to leave these up-to-the-minute items to you - you do them well and I'd never finish if I tried it! But I like hearing about them: Gestation periods and new longevities I can still insert. Ted Reed writes me that Tom Barnes gave 1928 as birth date of his *Thomomys* and I think Tom gave it to me also. I judge your date of Feb 7, 31 is more accurate but there does seem to be some question. What about the 20's flower leaf as having lived 24 yrs at Cologne and S.A. 1931? Many of the *gyp*' longevities you list are very useful.

They, for some reason, have always been scarce in Europe. I remember that ^{BUTTENOFER} in Rotterdam, asked me to send him a ♂ in 1912, to keep his small stock going - couldn't get one in Europe!

The report of a *Goulla* birth at St Louis proves to be a false alarm. Washington too?

Best regards
As ever
Lee