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MEMORANDUM

MTAB-23

April 8, 1974

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management

SUBJECT: 1. Bird Banding Manual Corrections
2. Master permittees' 1972 banding totals
3. Nest Record Card Program

1. Corrections to the Bird Banding Manual were printed by the Canadian Wildlife Service and supplied to the Bird Banding Laboratory. We are sending them to banders with this MTAB. Please immediately remove the Manual page to be replaced and insert the corrected, dated page and make the pen and ink changes indicated on the reverse of the List of Effective Pages. Part 5, Appendix B was not updated with this revision; because of extensive changes to the Numeric Species List (Appendix A) please discard Appendix B, Part 5. If you have any questions on these new changes or suggestions for any part of the Manual, please let us know.
2. Enclosed is a tabulation of the master permittee 1972 banding totals as promised in MTAB-21. Please review the data for errors. If possible, when notifying us of an error (e.g. "strange species not banded by me"), please recheck the totals for other species to see if they are correct. The 1973 totals will not be available before late October of this year.
3. Dr. David B. Peakall, Senior Research Associate, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, gave us this MTAB note and we urge banders to cooperate with the program.

"The North American Nest Record Card Program at the Laboratory of Ornithology of Cornell University provides a center for the collection, analysis, and distribution of data on the breeding biology of birds.

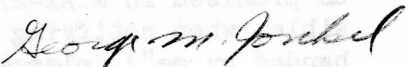
"We are now in cooperation with the World Wildlife Fund in setting up a national register of birds-of-prey to monitor the breeding success of this group of birds in the wild. It is proposed that this register be set up as an independent section of the existing North American Nest Record Card Program. The information would be collected on our regular nest record cards, i.e., we need exact nest contents on given dates, but details of locality will not be revealed. The detailed information would

be secret and maintained only in a master file which would only be released with permission of both the original investigator and the Laboratory of Ornithology. Normally data would be published on a state by state basis. We plan to collect records going back many years so that the breeding success can be calculated over a long period of time and both annual variations and long-term alterations seen. This information would pinpoint species and areas of concern which would enable action to be taken.

"The success of this venture depends completely on the cooperation of persons interested in this group of birds. We do not plan additional field work to collect data, but if we can collect the existing data available in notebooks of observers we should have a good idea of how the birds-of-prey are faring.

"We hope you will consider cooperating with us in this important Program.

David B. Peakall, Ph.D.
Senior Research Associate"


George M. Jonkel

Enclosures:

- BBM Revisions - 15 Jan 74
- List of Effective Changes
- Listing of Permittee 1972 Bandings