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Dear Sir

I have now been some time in Montreal since my return from British Columbia, but for some so long since my arrival that I have not had time to look into the discrepancies existing between specimens & list supplied by Collections made on the late B.N.A. Boundary Commission.

On referring to the copy of your letter forwarded by Major D.R. Cameron last May, I find two lists, one of specimens not included in the Catalogue, the other of specimens mentioned in the Catalogue but not found in the Collections sent.

In regard to the first, I have discovered that the copy <sup>of list compiled</sup> from <sup>open by apparent</sup> note books &c. was incomplete, & have forwarded by mail the lists & note books as I find them here. In these I believe you will be able to identify all the specimens & correlate them with localities & dates. I should have copied them out, but do not know on what ground the Catalogue formerly sent extends, & so think it best to transmit the whole. The loose papers bear reference to the birds &c. etc., the book being notes on other specimens as well, I should like to have returned when you have done with it. The localities mentioned can be ascertained on the Commission maps, & any further information I can furnish I shall be glad to supply.

~~The large number~~ The specimens mentioned in the lists but not received are, for the most part, still here & have been overlooked <sup>when the others were packed</sup> by absence. This statement refers to the whole collection of eggs, & to some of the small mammals. The few birds <sup>(of the)</sup> which you mention I cannot account for, except by the supposition that they may have been abstracted from the collection or lost in some way before its arrival here.

There are also a few other specimens here not in the lists which should have been sent, & which I will have packed & forward to you with the others when necessary by the St. Lawrence express. They are as follows. —

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~~Specimen~~ *Grus Americana* 1 (poor)  
*Pelicanus trachyrhynchus* 1 (good)

### Collection of Sand & fresh-water Molluscs

A small collection of insects, in poor condition.  
Some of the orthoptera & butterflies, larvae, named  
by Mr S.H. Scudder.

A few miscellaneous objects in Spirit-Store,  
no list of them, but from memory I believe the  
Jar ~~contains~~ contains. Several small mammals. a  
few fishes. A little Snake & perhaps a few other odd kinds.  
Please let me know if you attach any importance  
to these miscellaneous preparations, for as they are  
difficult things to pack safely I will not forward  
them unless you think they are of great value.