Taylorsville Calif.

May. 13. 1899

Ernest Ingersoll
New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 16. at hand but this Pkg. Regarding photos of birds will say that I have several fair plates that I could send you for the use you mention. I would not like - however - to have any of them published. as I hope to make that use of some of them at some future date.

Your offer to exchange books for exclusive use of the photos for lecture use. rest of time. river rights with my approval especialy since I have just

lost all the books an birds-
that I had. I was shipwrecked
in march. an the coast of
Mex. and lost everything I
had. including some
very fine bird plates.

Let me hear further from
you regarding basis of proposed
exch. and whether you wish
prints mounted or otherwise.

All my plates are at
San Diego. but I can reach
them about July 1st I am
also taking some plates here
in the northern Sierras and
hope to get some good ones
of birds and mammals
later.

Yours Resp.
A. W. Anthony

Ridgway Collection

San Diego Calif.
Oct. 3- 1894

My Dear Mr. Ridgway:-

In a recent letter regarding the birds of Socorro you state that my Zaotys taeniata is the form seperated by Baird as var. crissalis but do not state what its characteristics are.

It has been placed in the synonymy of L. fuliginosa by all recent writers and I am unable to find any description of the island form in the scanty literature at my command. If the measurements given by Saunders- Catal. Birds Brit. Mus. are correct for fuliginosa the Socorro bird will easily stand seperation on size alone. all measurements bring bill and tail especialy much shorter. a series of 12 average before me measure: Bill- (exposed cul.) 1.69. max 1.80 min. 1.55. Tars- .87 Wing. 10.20.

Nearly a month ago I sent a box by Express to the Mus. containing reptiles- Crabs- birds-- in formaline— rch-rch- writing at the same time to the curators of the different departments I have not yet heard anything about the shipment. nor received the usual card from the Mus. telling me of its arrival.

I fear it has been missent or mixed with other papers sent at the same time to other parties. Have you heard anything about it? I only ask because I want to trace it in case of loss. before it gets too late.

Yours truly

A. H. Anthony