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FOR THE STUDY AND THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS
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Prof. Robert Ridgway,
U.S.National Museum,
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Dear Sir:-

Presuming that you have seen Nos. 1 & 2, Vol. I, THE JOURNAL of the Museum of Comparative Oology, (your name is listed therein among the Board of Visitors), we take the liberty of soliciting an expression of your opinion on the scientific value of the results sought and on the character of the work outlined therein.

As you will immediately infer, the Audubon Association of the Pacific is concerned in the menace to bird life probably disproportionate in its extent with the scientific or economic value of the gains most optimistically measurable. There is fear that in seeking variations and extents of uniformity in eggs, on such a large scale, the toll will be excessive. But in line with the policy of this Association no stand will be assumed nor action taken on purely sentimental impulse, but only after consultation with authorative experts and impassioned discussion of the economic values involved.

Your opinion is requested not only on the suggested consideration, but also on any other aspect that may have appeared to you in Mr. Dawson's oological propaganda. Similar inquiries are addressed to other friends of our Association, and we may comment thereon in the next edition of THE GULL. If you so request, we shall refrain from using your name.

Thankfully yours,

AUDUBON ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC

per C. B. Lastreto
President.