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Mr. Edmund O. Luthy Secretary-Treasurer Eagle Lake Property Owners' Association P. O. Box 232 Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luthy:

Thank you for your letter of the 26th. I shall let Mr. Rupert Wickes know ahead of time when I plan my preliminary investigation of the lake.

The excerpt from Dr. Runge's letter which you enclosed leaves me in some doubt as to whether our project should be carried forward without some further knowledge of the minnows now present in the lake. I have sent this copy of Dr. Runge's letter to Mr. Odell with the request that he give us the basis for his conclusion that minnows are rare in the lake. From Dr. Runge's descriptions of the "minnows" I believe it quite possible that he had young of species not minnows. I should not like to carry on an experiment such as we have planned and find later that minnows were common in the lake before have planned and find later that minnows were common in the lake before any were introduced. I am waiting upon word from Mr. Odell before concluding what is best to do. If he cannot give us assurance that minnows are actually rare in the lake now, no experimental plantings should be made unless a further check can be made on the point.

In relation to winter fishing, you must realize that this is a very complicated problem. There are many tax payers who take a stand opposite from that of Dr. Runge, because they enjoy winter fishing. There are many lakes in which summer fishing would be better if winter fishing were not practiced. Closure of such lakes is often difficult of accomplishment. We are making progress, however, and we shall do what we can for Eagle Lake.

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