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March 5, 1975

Dr. Frank C. Craighead Jr.
P. O. Box 156
Moose, Wyoming 83012

Dear Frank:

I think this was probably meant to be addressed to you. You may wish to comment.

It looks to me like two of the boatman are setting up their own business or perhaps these are changes which have resulted from the suggestions we made.

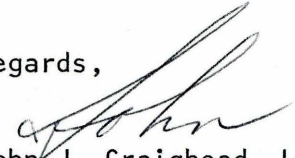
I would like to send the packet of information that I provided to for the trial to several people. Because of the amount of expense of making this up, I would simply like to circulate your packet and then return it to you. Please mail it to me at your earliest convenience. If certain portions were removed to be inserted into the court record, please indicate. Sorry to bother you, but it will be a big help to us to have the use of this for several weeks.

The Bureau has prohibited any of the Unit Leaders from attending this years North American Wildlife Conference. I don't know whether there will be a grizzly bear meeting scheduled, but I suspect there will be. If you plan to go to the conference, you should try to get an opportunity to speak at the meeting; at least it would be good to keep track of what is developing.

I'll probably be in Colorado Springs at the time of the conference so would be unable to go even if I arranged to present a formal paper or represent a committee.

Let me know your plans.

Regards,


John J. Craighead, Leader
Mont. Coop. Wildl. Res. Unit

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March 7, 1975

Mr. Fred C. Mills
7145 Soquel Drive
Aptos, California 95003

Dear Fred:

It was a wonderful surprise to hear from you and to learn that you are still active and healthy. I hope you will forgive me for dictating this letter; but I have a lot of correspondence to attend to and I am afraid if I wait to write you a more personal letter, I may not get around to it.

I will try to look up Captain Richard Ogg. I don't know him; but if he is here in Missoula, it should be no problem getting in touch with him.

You have a rich life and a long list of accomplishments to recall and to be proud of. Certainly one of the highlights of my life has been the time we spent together during World War 2 and the common interests we have maintained over the years.

I am still very active in research and teaching and am still active in all types of outdoor endeavors. I plan to retire from the University when I reach 60 and begin to do some of the things I feel are especially important. As in your case, it will not be retirement, but just a change in work and residence.

My father is now 85, and he was extremely active up until this year. His health is not good now, but he still continues his work and will probably do so until the end. I am sure that his work is what has been an important factor in his longevity.

Frank is working out of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and he is associated with the State University of New York. Like me, he is doing research and training graduate students. Both of our families are grown and dispersed. My daughter was married last year, but so far none of the boys have gotten tied down. All of them love the out-of-doors and outdoor environment. I am sure it will always be important in their lives.

I still keep in touch with Don Kepler. Not long ago I returned to Penn State for an alumni award and had a wonderful visit with Don and his

Fred C. Mills

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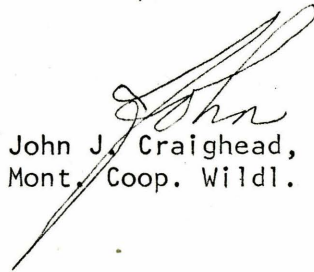
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family. Don is in top condition and still does a lot of hunting and fishing; he has raised his boys to enjoy these outdoor sports.

There is so much that I could write, but I will have to save it until we have a chance to visit.

Fred, you have been a tremendous inspiration to Frank and me over the years, and we feel honored to count you among our closest friends. I wish you the best of health in the years ahead and hope that I'll hear from you again when you find the time and inclination to write.

Kindest personal regards,



John J. Craighead, Leader
Mont. Coop. Wildl. Res. Unit

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FRED C. MILLS
7145 Soquel Drive
Aptos, California 95003

February 7-75

Dr John Craighead,
Montana State University,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear John:
Not quite ^{SURE} whether to address
a letter to you as Dr or Professor or
exactly what - so here goes. No doubt
a letter will reach you if sent
anywhere in U.S.

Last week, with two friends, Captain
and Mrs Ogg, we talked of Missoula.
I mentioned your name and my
memorable association with you
and Frank during World War II. He
said that there was a school teacher
there, ^{IN MISSOULA} by that name, perhaps I thought,
one in a school his son attended.

Captain Richard Ogg was the
senior officer on the Pan American
"Sovereign of the Seas" on a flight
from Honolulu to San Francisco on
the night of Oct 16-1956. Engine
trouble made a landing on the
water necessary. Ogg kept the
ship in the air until all arrange-

2. SHIP PONTCHARTRAIN

Coast Guard "Ocean Station" and day light had arrived - then he set the ship down after moving all passengers into the forward compartment. On landing the rear of the ship broke off. All personnel, passengers and crew, were taken aboard the Pontchartrain alive except one woman I believe who died from a heart attack.

Now Captain Ogg is semi-retired but I believe is still doing some commercial flying out of Grissoula.

As I look back over quite a long life time (will be 90 years if it continues until late June this year) I am astonished by the number of really great people I have known and been associated with. At the top of the list is Mary my beloved wife of 57 years who passed on seven years ago, and then my father. Then comes a long string of those who in one way or another have contributed so much quality to my existence -