

October 21, 1977

Mr. Donald E. Dickinson,
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Dear Don:

As may have been mentioned in a previous letter, Mildred has the writer hard at work compiling a sort of autobiography of my checkered and polka-dotted career. I call it "Work Can Be Fun, Recollections of a Happy Life." It is being written for our children and grandchildren; not for public consumption. I plan to print a very few extra copies for other members of our family and a few selected friends.

As I round up the materials for consideration, it seems to me that it would not be complete without a carefully edited presentation of the Saga of The Hexalope. I plan to include this, if proper consent can be obtained from the co-author of this manuscript, namely and to wit, one Donald C. Dickinson.

In addition to consent, I will need a xerox of the photograph of the Hexalope. Yours is the only copy of such an animal that is extant, as far as I am aware. From this, I will have an artist make a reproducible copy to be included along with the Buffah, etc.

I hope that you can arrange to work out these matters without involving that Polish Paleozoologist, I. Don Knoe, BSA, WCTU & PHEW. I have never met the gentleman personally but from his participation on the aforementioned correspondence ~~gives me~~ ^{I read} the impression that he is astute, obtuse, abstruse and obstreperous, and might undertake to obstruct the abstraction.

Please let me know what you think of this idea.

Sincerely,

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Oct. 26, 1977

Mr. Ferdie J. Deering
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Dear Ferdie,

Please excuse the spelling of the "Road" in your address above. Because of the plethora of double letters I have been tempted for years to make it consistent. Today, I yielded to temptation!

I am flattered and honored that you would consider publishing that monument to trivia -THE HEXALOPE/BUFFAHI SAGA. I will cooperate it every way I can and hereby give my consent. May I suggest, though, that in addition to "carefully edited presentation" you add the terms- "judiciously and adroitly."

Rather than xeroxing the photograph of the Hexalope, I am enclosing the original (on loan) so that you may obtain a proper reproduction. Too bad the beast is extinct - otherwise it could reproduce itself.

I have not consulted I. Don Knoe, BSA, WCTU, & Phew in this matter as he is unable to talk at present. In a recent terrorist activity he tried to blow up a bus and burnt his mouth on the exhaust pipe.

I am also hoping to enclose a photograph of the famous bone cane. I haven't tried to take the picture so can't guarantee good results.

Seriously, we are thrilled with the prospect of your "Work Can Be Fun, Recollections of a Happy Life." We certainly hope that we will be included among "a few selected friends" destined to receive a copy.

Good luck!

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "D.C. Dickinson", written in dark ink.