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Mr. William P. Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:

This is a belated report on the trip that several members of the Mollusk Division, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, took to study land snails on the Huron Mountain Club's tract of land in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in June, 1964. Accompanying me on that trip were two graduate students at the University, Mr. Robert Wakefield and Miss C.M. Patterson.

Of special interest to us was the opportunity to collect live land snails for cytological studies. While at the Huron Mountain Club, we were able to collect many of the land snail species that Dr. van der Schalie did in 1958, but in addition, we found Euconulus fulvus (Muller), Pallifera hemphilli (Binney), Paravitrea multidentata (Binney), Retinella indentata (Say), Vertigo sp. and Gastrocopta sp.

Miss Patterson has been studying the chromosomes of these and the other land snail species, and Mr. Wakefield has been working on a key to the mollusks of the Huron Mts. Completion of these projects will be a little slow, since their role as graduate students takes a considerable amount of time.

We were very happy to be able to work at the Huron Mt. Club, and especially to get an idea of its potentials for future research. It is certainly a valuable tract of land from the view point of natural history and it is heartening to see your interests there, both in preserving this natural area and in encouraging research.

Since a University vehicle was not available to us when we made the trip to the Huron Mt. Club last June, Miss Patterson consented to drive her car. Prof. van der Schalie has suggested that perhaps the Club could reimburse her on a mileage basis. If so, our records of round trip mileage is 1008 miles.

Thanking you for your cooperation and hospitality, I remain,

Yours sincerely,


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