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UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF DR. JEFF SWINEBROAD, CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND SPECULATION EVOLVED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS MERGING PUBLICATIONS. I ASKED OUR EDITOR TO "END" FURTHER SPECULATION AND TO GET FIRM ESTIMATES AND COMMITMENTS. FRED DEVOTED HIS VACATIONS TO GETTING THESE DATA.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION HAS SHOWN THE ONLY INTEREST AND HAS ENTERED INTO A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT.

AS REQUIRED IN OUR BY-LAWS, THIS IS OUR NOTIFICATION THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO A VOTE, FIRST IN COUNCIL, IF APPROVED THERE, IT WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR A VOTE. IT IS RATHER A COMPLEX QUESTION AND WE WILL PLACE THE AGREEMENT PLUS AMENDMENTS (IF ANY) AT YOUR DISPOSAL SO THAT YOU WILL BE FULLY INFORMED BEFORE WE SOLICIT YOUR VOTE, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, WHEELING W.VA., APRIL 4-6, 1975.

C.N. ROSE, PRESIDENT

THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR EDITOR EXPIRES EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE EDITOR IS THEN RE-ELECTED BY COUNCIL, OR ANOTHER EDITOR IS SOUGHT AND SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTED TO OFFICE. IN ORDER TO GIVE COUNCIL SUFFICIENT TIME TO FIND ANOTHER EDITOR, I'VE ADVISED OFFICERS IN A PERSONAL LETTER DATED 18 DECEMBER, 1974, THAT I DO NOT WISH TO BE RE-ELECTED AND THE REASONS LEADING TO THIS DECISION.

I HAD CONSIDERED WAITING UNTIL PRES. ROSE'S 2-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT EXPIRES (1976) SINCE I AM SADDENED TO PRESENT THIS VALUED FRIEND WITH THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM, BUT IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION TO HAVE AN EDITOR GO OUT OF OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME A CHANGE-OVER IN ADMINISTRATION TAKES PLACE. F.S. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR