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PRESIDENT

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Governor Russell W. Peterson  
President  
National Audubon Society  
950 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Governor Peterson:

Both Howard Phipps of the New York Zoological Society and William Reilly of the Conservation Foundation join me in expressing our thanks and appreciation for your presentation at the 1979 Fairfield Osborn Memorial Lecture. You obviously stirred our audience very deeply with the challenges you presented in selecting "life-supporting" options for the future.

I hope that the Osborn Lecture will continue to play a useful role in broadening public awareness of the dilemmas of resource issues. The three sponsoring organizations are committed to promoting the Lecture's impact as an important forum on environmental affairs, and we are in the process of considering some related activities which will reexamine the perspectives, trends and questions which Dr. Osborn himself pursued in his work and writings.

As you know, we are working with your staff on the possibility of reprinting your remarks in an established, national publication. I hope such wide distribution and readership will be possible.

Once again, our thanks for your forceful and effective presentation. It was a great pleasure for us at The Rockefeller to be the host for this year's program with you as the featured speaker.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

cc: Mr. Howard Phipps  
Mr. William Reilly