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The Swedish Society for the
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Gentlemen:

It was our pleasure to receive recently your brochure describing the Swedish Society for the Conservation of Nature and the English summary No. 4/73. The project that was of considerable interest to us was the one on "Project Wolf." We are fortunate in this part of the world to have a fairly large population of wolves still in existence. In fact, it is a continuing struggle to be sure they are not subjected to unnecessary destruction due to the emotional reaction of ranchers, farmers and guides. Our wolf population is just about at the top of their cycle and we should see natural decline in their numbers for the next several years.

In your English summary you indicated a shortage of adult wolves for breeding stock to replenish your native populations. Would you be interested in the importation of wolf pups from British Columbia? If there is an interest in this, I will be pleased to develop more information as to the cost of transportation, live capture and any other details that might be required from several experts on wolves that we have here in the Province.

The wolves in North America, particularly Canada as well as Europe, belong to the species grey wolf (*Canis lupus*). There are 23 sub-species of the grey wolf in existence in North America. In Canada the MacKenzie Valley wolf (*Canis lupus occidentalis*) is generally found in the MacKenzie district, in the Northwest Territories. This would also be the wolf that is prevalent in British Columbia. Our wolves are about 75% of the packs grey in color and about 25% are a black phase.

If you are interested I can further obtain considerable literature on the wolves in Canada and the part they play in our ecological balance of nature.

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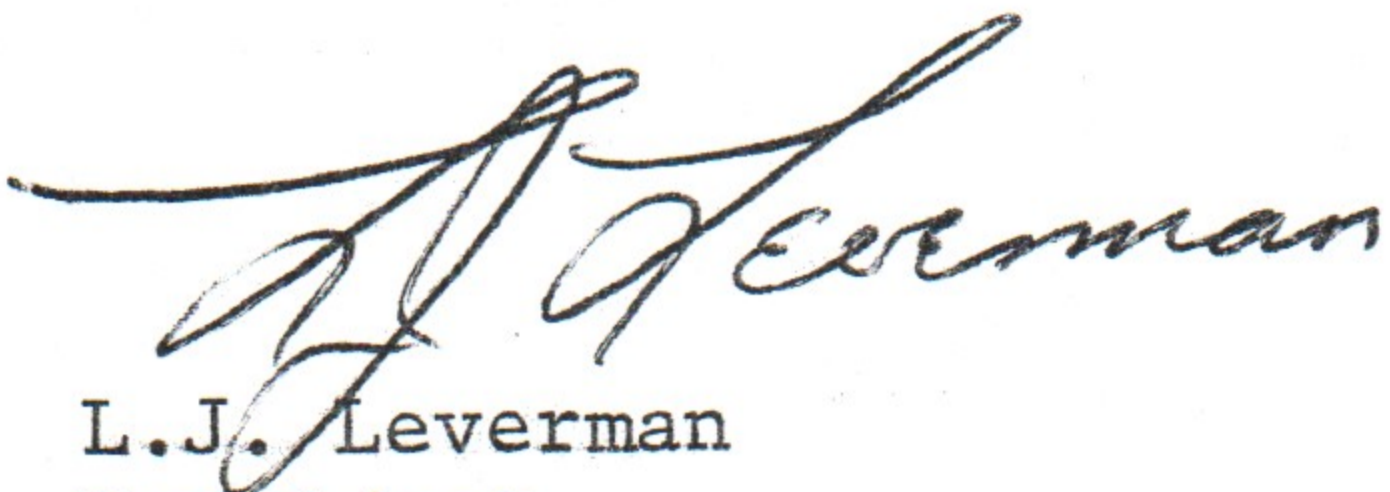
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Finally, I would like to mention that our Association would be most interested in exchanging information with your group with respect to conservation, hunting, fishing and other programs that might be of mutual interest.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish your organization a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours.

SPRUCE CITY WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L.J. Leverman".

L.J. Leverman
President

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