

*file: green turtle
(Chelonia)
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Dear Dr. Carr:

I found the enclosed mummified turtle hatchling on North Island, Pearl and Hermes Reef, on 17 March 1965. I don't think our project has any previous records substantiating breeding at Pearl and Hermes and didn't know whether you did or not, so I thought you might be interested in the beast.

During the month of March I was on Laysan, Lisianski, and Pearl and Hermes Reef, and I have color slides of turtles on the first two islands; I'm not sure about the third. I'll be back to D.C. in June and would be glad to have either duplicate slides or color prints made for you if you're interested. I've had the slides developed and I think they're pretty good; in all cases the turtle fills the frame and I have them from several different angles of the same animal, as well as one with four animals in it.

I'll return the 100 tags we still have of yours sometime in June. We're cutting down our operations here on Kure next month, and I doubt that I'll be coming back out here again. I'm going back to graduate school either this September or next February; I'm not sure when or where yet as several factors are involved.

Please give my regards to all my friends at Gainesville.

Most sincerely,

Bob

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