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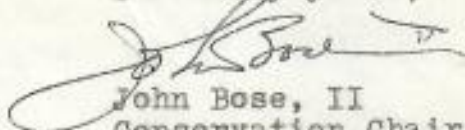
Dear Dr. Balazs:

Rene Sylva has permitted me to see his copy of your excellent Synopsis of Biological Data on the Green Turtle in the Hawaiian Islands. I realize that I am rather a latecomer in requesting a 1980 publication, but if copies are still available I would greatly appreciate receiving one. This fall I will be doing some work for the Maui Community Library at Maui Community College and, should there be no copy in that collection, I would donate the copy you send me.

About a dozen years ago we used to take our four children to Pauea Point near the lighthouse to explore the shoreline. The children played a game of collecting rifle shell casings around the point, and actually found them in rather large numbers. To our horror we learned from Rene that these were from "sportsmen" who would target shoot turtles below in the sea. God knows how many were destroyed in this manner, and whether the practice also occurs at other points along the shore. If it would be helpful to your research, I could make a check to see if evidence of the practice can be found still.

Your consideration of my request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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