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Mr. Oris Russel
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Dear Mr. Russel:

We recently had an opportunity to talk with Alexander Sprunt IV concerning mutual items of interest. He suggested we contact you concerning the Kirtland's Warbler and its wintering grounds. There apparently have been a number of recent reported sightings of this species by various observers in the Bahamas. Perhaps you can advise us whether or not you consider these as authentic. Mr. Harold Mayfield, in his book, The Kirtland's Warbler points out that, "No specimen of this species has been taken there since 1915." He also reports very few sight records from the wintering grounds.

You may be aware of our interest in the Kirtland's. The enclosed material will indicate our work, with cooperative groups and the State, to insure favorable nesting habitat. Perhaps you read the article, "A Forest Burns to Save a Bird", in the November 1965 (V. 7, No. 17) issue of Animals.

Apparently little is known about the Kirtland's wintering habitat. We are, of course, interested since our efforts to develop nesting habitat depends somewhat on favorable wintering grounds. They have a habit of migrating!

We would appreciate hearing from you and your association with this species with any comments you may wish to make on dangers to the bird or its winter habitat, and any programs which may be needed to protect it.

Sincerely yours,

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