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Dear George:

If I knew who Herman Olson's replacement was, I would'nt have to bother you with this request. However, I am sure you don't mind giving a few minutes to an old pal.

Handwritten initials

I plan to be in the central peninsula of Michigan, the first part of September. I think I will be near the general area of the Kirkland Warbler project. Although I suppose the birds will have left on their southern migration, I would like to see the area. I am more interested in management practices than I am in seeing the birds.

As you know, I am gathering material for a text on Forest-Wildlife management. The specialized management you are doing for the warbler, certainly merits mention. I would like to photograph cutting practices and nesting habitat and the use of fire. I mention this latter practice, because I referred to it in a paper I gave at the Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Symposium several years ago. Olson approved the text, so did'nt get too far in left field. I need good material for my chapter on the use of fire, however, and want to cover it thoroughly. Thus my interest in this phase of management on the warbler area.

Could you please send me maps and instructions on how to get to the area, and where I might find the cuttings and other practices. Who to see - if that is required. I don't want to tie up any of your men to show me around as that is their busy season. I will be staying near Free Soil and as I understand it, is not too far from the warbler area.

Erma sends her best.

Sincerely yours,

Howard A. Miller