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LESSER FLORICAN

Dear Ravi

Thank you for your letter of 7 June received here on 21 June, as well as your letter of 16 July received here on 24 July.

I very much regret that I have not been able to assist financially with Florican work for this year. I had been waiting for a proposal from you following our meeting in February, and as I said at the time, it is impossible for me to quickly secure funds for you. Your letter of 7 June therefore arrived too late for me to access any funds for you by 1 July.

I did, however, ask the Oriental Bird Club whether they were able to help, and I know that they have given this consideration, but the notice has probably been too short for them, also.

I remain committed to trying to support this work, but please give me more notice. It would, therefore, make sense if you could outline your activities for 1996 and a budget (just the same as you have done for 1995) and I will then get to work this autumn to try and secure the funds that you need.

The poster looked excellent, and I would be very interested to know whether you have been able to visit Florican areas this summer, and the outcome of any activities that you have been able to pursue.

Do keep in touch. I am sorry that we were unable to help this time round. It's not a lack of commitment, but a lack of time that was the debilitating factor.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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