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Date : *recd.* 12th November 1984.

Archaeopteryx Lithographica.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to ask if you are able to help me in any way, i am trying to collect colour slides of woodpeckers from around the world, (PICIFORMES PICINAE) and i was wondering if you had any unwanted slides of these birds that you could let me have i would of course be willing to pay for them if you so wished. If you can not help me, maybe you know of someone else who could help, i would be very grateful for any help that you are able to give me. I look forward to your reply.

Yours Faithfully

G. McMullan.

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4th April, 1985.

Dear Sir,

On 12th Nov 1984 I received a letter from you requesting for some slides of woodpeckers.

Please find enclosed a slide of the Lesser Goldenbacked Woodpecker (*Dinopium benghalense*), which is very common throughout the country. This bird is at its nest. The slide was taken on 27th May 1984. I hope it is useful for the purpose you need it for.

Since I am replying to your letter after so long, I will not ask you for any monetary reimbursement. Only one request, if the picture is published or printed anywhere, I'd like a copy and also credit in the publication, for the picture.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Encl: One slide of *Dinopium benghalense* on nest.

p.s. The nest hole is in the stump of a date palm.

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Dear Mr A Pittie.

I was very surprised to find that I had received a slide from India. You are the first person that has replied to my request from your part of the world. So I am truly grateful to you for your help, and I do assure you that these slides are only for a private collection. So far I have 84 slides with 41 species so I still have a very long way to go yet, about 156 more species yet to get. If you know of any one else who could ~~assist~~ help, I would be grateful for their address. I do not wish to appear rude or anything but are you able to help me any further with any unwanted slides, one of the Indian birds that I am very keen on is the Great Slaty Woodpecker.

But anything would be helpful, do you take photos as a hobby or as a job? India is one country that i would like to visit one day, the wildlife i am told is really good with plenty to see. I am trying to take some photos of my own, i am just learning about it, today i found a Great Spotted Woodpeckers nest site (*Picoides Major*) so i am hoping to get some good slides of them, and maybe others.

Well what can i say i am very grateful to you for your help and i hope to hear from you soon, and thank you.

Yours Sincerely G. M. Mallan.