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Dear Mr Pittie,

I enclose with this letter a copy of an article which describes Hume's contribution to Indian Ornithology. I trust that you will find it interesting.

Yours sincerely,

J C Daniel
Honorary Secretary

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Dear Mr. Daniel,

Thanks a lot for your above letters and the paper on A O Hume, enclosed therein. It makes interesting reading!

With best wishes,

Sincerely



11 February, 1997

Mr. J.C. Daniel
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Dear Mr. Daniel,

I have read the note you sent me on A.O. Hume, and must confess that the man was a titan. With suitable changes, Sir Winston Churchill's tribute to the R.A.F.'s fighter pilots during the Battle of Britain, would be appropriate to this great 'bird-fancier', administrator, organisational wizard (above all else) and incomparable mover-and-shaker.

I enclose a little tid-bit pertaining to his life and the short and brilliant span of *Stray Feathers*, for your enjoyment and collection. It is a photocopy of a letter (now in the Bowdler Sharpe Collection ?) written on Feb 10, 1898, by this "Pope of Indian Ornithology" to a Mr. Butler (E.A. ?), requesting him to take-over the publication and editorship of *Stray Feathers*. It is full of insights into the life of this great man, who was more than willing to take up new challenges even as the dusk of his life drew towards night-fall!

It was sent to me by Dr. S. Subramanya of Bangalore.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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