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Dear Shashi Kumar,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. As usual, I write requesting for some information and assistance. This is pertaining to *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* (NLBW) and Prof. K K Neelakantan.

In an old issue of the *Newsletter* (in 1968), Neelakantan had written to Zafar Futehally about an index which he was preparing of the articles in the *Newsletter*. I presume this meant that Neelakantan had all the issues of NLBW at that point of time. Given the perfectionist that he was, I presume he kept his reference library in good condition and handy. Do you think that the early issues of NLBW, from his library, are still existing somewhere? Do you know where his library has gone? Is it useable? Could I get xeroxes of some early issues of the NLBW on payment basis?

You will appreciate that this is for the Bibliographic Index which I am preparing, for which a large chunk of the NLBW has already been indexed. If I could get Xeroxes (which I will be happy to pay for) of those issues missing from my collection (I enclose a list of missing issues), I will be able to complete the index of an integral part of the ornithological literature of the sub-continent. I will be extremely grateful for your help in this quarter.

I hope you will be able to help me and would appreciate a line in reply regarding this request.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely



Encl: List of missing issues of NLBW.