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Mr. John C. Gatlin, Regional Director,
P. O. Box 1306,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

Reference is made to the Aransas August-October Quarterly Report wherein Mr. Stevenson has indicated, under his discussion of peccaries, that much of the prickly pear fruit crop was cleaned out by cattle, wood rats and other wildlife.

We would appreciate having the benefit of Mr. Stevenson's comments on the need or advisability of fencing the prickly pear patch near Mustang Lake or attempting to insure a more abundant fruit crop through the control of wood rats. Possibly food conditions for the peccary are quite satisfactory; however, so much stress has been placed upon the importance of the prickly pear patches that some consideration should be given to protection, particularly from cattle.

Very truly yours,

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