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Dear General Young:

I do not think any more cougars should be killed ~~in~~ the park. Game is abundant. We want to profit by what has happened in the English preserves, where it proved to be bad for the grouse itself to kill off all the peregrine falcons and all the other birds of prey. It may be advisable, in case the ranks of the deer and antelope right around the Springs should be too heavily killed out, to kill some of the cougars there, but in the rest of the park I certainly would not kill any ~~of them~~. On the contrary, they ought to be let alone.

Sincerely yours,

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