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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Craters of the Moon

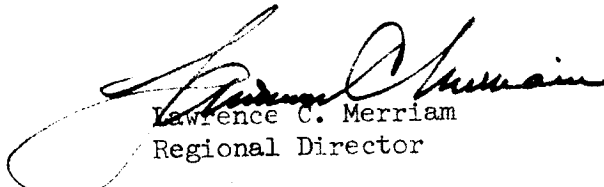
From: Regional Director, Region Four

Subject: Restoration of bighorn and beaver to Craters of the Moon

This is a followup to your memorandum of September 1, requesting consideration of a proposal to restore mountain sheep and beaver in Craters of the Moon National Monument, and our subsequent arrangements to have Field Research Biologist Adolph Murie make an investigation of the feasibility of the proposal.

The attached copy of Dr. Murie's report summarizes his investigation and the subsequent discussions that he had with you and with Mr. Johnson.

It is regrettable that the overall conditions appear to be such that permanent occupancy of the monument area by bighorn and also by beaver would result in cramped and artificial ecological relationships and the destruction of the limited amounts of available forage. We feel that Dr. Murie's appraisal of the situation is sound, and we only regret that ecological conditions do not appear to favor your proposal. We nevertheless appreciate your interest in this matter to which we have been glad to give consideration and arrange for an expert appraisal.


Lawrence C. Merriam
Regional Director

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of incoming
Dr. Murie, thru Supt., Crater Lake