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June 3, 1910

Dear Sir:

During the past Spring some friends + admirers of Doctor Merriam created a trust fund for his benefit, which enables him to devote the balance of his life to Zoological research and to the publication of monographs on Mammals etc. On June 1 he retired from the position of Chief of the Biological Survey to take up this work.

Mrs. Harriman (one of the principal subscribers to the fund) does not desire to figure too conspicuously in the matter and is anxious to have a number of Doctor M's friends subscribe a nominal sum so that their names may appear in the presentation book (from the founders of the fund) which is in course of preparation.

I am writing, therefore, to ask you as one of

his friends, want to subscribe five or ten dollars to the fund & write upon autographs together with a line or two of appreciation of his work, or of good wishes on the accompanying. This should be forwarded as early as possible to Mrs Walker and anything you may wish to send should be made out to his order. All writing on the card should be within the pencilled lines.

Doctor Merriam is not to know anything about it until the presentation.

Very truly yours

R.G. Fisher

Mr. John Muir
Martinez
Calif.