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Dear Wally:

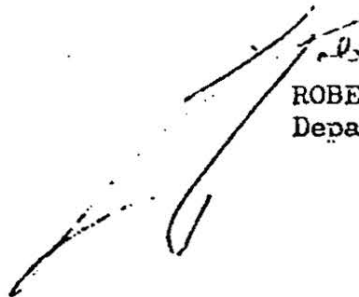
The Department of Natural Resources greatly appreciates the encouragement and support given big game research in Minnesota by the Big Game Club.

The important research work done by Lynn Rogers would not have been accomplished without your help. The results of this work and Mr. Rogers' knowledge of black bear have been of great help to us in formulating bear management plans in the state and in establishing the 1971 black bear hunting season. Without the good, factual information obtained to date on the black bear research project, it would have been more difficult to set up sound hunting regulations.

Mr. Lynn Rogers has been most helpful to us and very cooperative. His many talks to various groups throughout the state and testimony before legislative committees to explain black bear management needs helped solidify thinking concerning the direction that black bear management in our state should take. He helped materially in the passage of the legislation putting the black bear on the protected list and giving the animal big game status.

Mr. Rogers attended the Annual Section of Game meeting at Itasca Park last May and gave a very good enthusiastic talk on the black bear illustrated with his excellent colored photographs. Last month he sat in with our game management staff and capably assisted in formulating recommendations for the hunting of black bear in Minnesota. Without his knowledge this would have been much more difficult. The discussion at this meeting covered season dates, bag limits, license procedure, assessment of the kill, weapons, shooting hours, protecting cubs, protecting den bears, baiting, controlling hunting around dumps, and the use of dogs. Lynn offered sound advice on all these subjects. This was an outstanding example of the application of research findings to a practical management program.

Sincerely,


ROBERT L. HERBST, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

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