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January 25, 1974

Mr. Frank M. Dunstan
Rt. 1, Box 205-U
Ruskin, Fla. 33570

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

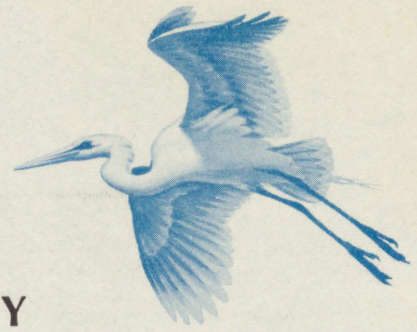
I am a sophomore at Chamberlain High School and am doing a research paper on the osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*. Mr. Tom Baird suggested that I write to you for information.

Any information, pictures, or names of books that have good information would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John McCall

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February 4, 1974

John McCall
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Dear Mr. McCall,

You have certainly chosen a most interesting topic for your research paper. The Osprey, Pandion haliaetus, does nest in this area, and perhaps your paper could include the monitoring or observing the nesting activities. The Osprey, as you may be aware, has declined in numbers throughout the United States. This decline has been attributed to a number of factors, one being DDT and its metabolites effecting egg shell thickness. Another factor most certainly is the loss of suitable nesting habitat and a general decline in aquatic productivity of our estuaries, of which the Osprey is dependent for his food supply.

I would suggest that you narrow your paper down to some aspect of the Osprey. Then go to the library and make a literature search. The Bent Series is excellent for life history. Florida Birdlife by Howell and later version by Sprunt would be worth looking at. Once you have narrowed your paper to a specific aspect, the Ornithological Journals will be a big help. More than likely you will find that a trip to the University of South Florida and the library there will be needed to find the proper reference material.

I have enclosed my card which has my telephone number on it. Please feel free to give me a call, as I would be interested in talking further with you about your research paper.

Sincerely,

Frank Dunstan
Warden-Biologist