

Mrs. Elizabeth Tallant Cooper
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Dear Mrs. Cooper,

Thank you very much for the recent donation of the leopard cat (*Felis bengalensis*) from your brother-in-law Mr. Joseph Alvin Gaudin Jr.. This is a very important contribution...a one of a kind. I also enjoyed your visit and our conversation. That must have been a very difficult time.

Say, I was wondering if you can recall any more information on where your brother-in-law was stationed during World War II? Any more additional information would be most helpful.

Yours truly,

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cc) Dr. Bill Gannon, Collections Manager, Mammal Division, M.S.B., U.N.M.

P.S. Dr. Gannon and others are sprucing up the collection and will ready it for your visit to visit the specimen in the collection.

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Prionailurus bengalensis