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Dear Mariel,

I have just packed a few specimens for the MSWB – a small box containing them – and hope to send to you today, via postal mail. Most of these are numbered in our series, but I shall list all here, as follows:

18799 -- *Erignathus barbatus*. ?Sex. Alaska, Shismaref. *10 June 1957. Ascarids, stomach. *Diphyllobothriids*, small intestine.

28551 – *Microtus oeconomus*. Male. 1 July 1962. 63.2 gm. Alaska, St. Lawrence Island, Gambell. Ascarids, caecum.

30894 – *Phoca vitulina*. Female. Immature. 154 pounds. 25 April 1960. Alaska, Kvichak River. Ascarids, stomach. *Diphyllobothrium* sp., intestine. *Corynosoma* sp., intestine.

39529 -- *Neomys fodiens*. Male. 4 July 1971. Switzerland, Brigerbad. Trematoda.

39646 – *Alces alces*. Male. Alaska, Wiseman. 25 September 1971. Yearling. *Moniezia* sp. *Setaria* sp. Myocardium: cysts.

41794 – *Taxidea taxus*. Female. Oregon, Malheur County. 21 August 1975. 685-145-106. Nematoda. Taeniids.

42035 – *Thomomys talpoides*. Female. 69.9 gm. 190-53-28. 25 June 1976. Canada, Saskatchewan, Prince Albert area. *Trichostrongyles*.

42489 – *Microtus oregoni*. Male. 14 April 1971. Oregon, Lincoln Co. *Trichostrongyles*.

42500 – *Erignathus barbatus*. Male. 9 June 1978. Bering Sea. 64°46'N, 167°23.2'W. *Diphyllobothrium* sp. *Phocanema* sp. Trematoda.

44290A -- *Odobenus rosmarus*. Female. 24 April 1979. Bering Sea. 62°46.1' N, 173°09.4' W. Cestoda.

454302 -- Leopard Frog. UW – Captive, exper. 12 January 1983. Lung. Rhabdias.

45351 -- Rana aurora. Female. 13 February 1983. WA, King County, Duvall.
Lung – Rhabdias. Intestines -- Trematoda. Intestines and mesentery --
Acanthocephala.
Mesentery – metacercarial cysts.

45969 -- Felis rufus. Male. 925-176-177. 30 pounds (est.). Old adult. WA,
Yakima County, White Swan. Taenia rileyi. Ascarids. Mesocoestoides. Trichinella
spiralis.

50774 -- Monkey. ?Species. UW, Primate Center. Cestoda.

1) H.B.Ward 49695. D. latum.

1) HMS 980718. 4.

1) Gorilla.

Some of the above-listed are not of our series. I regret that more information cannot be provided; I have searched, but with no success, for now, and perhaps I should not include these. But quite some effort was given in preparation, so I decided to send. But discard, if you wish. (For 50774, from a monkey, I shall ask one of my colleagues to look into the matter.)

Most all of the specimens in the vials (being sent) were in RLR's laboratory at UW, in Petri dishes, preparatory to mounting on slides. All were in terpeneol. I removed them from the dishes and placed in vials, leaving them in terpeneol. It (terpeneol) is an excellent preservative, but rather difficult to handle, for it is viscous, and tends to stay on instruments (used in mounting) and on hands, etc. – so I include in the box with the specimens some gloves that you might want to use when unpacking. Xylene will very well clean off the terpeneol (it is what we used). But I did not want to use any xylene before mailing, and so the vials are a bit “sticky.” I hope that you will not mind, but it is rather annoying to have to deal with such vials.

I have a number of slides, with mounted specimens, to send you. Also more books.

Always thinking of you.

With so many thanks, and with devotion,

Virginia

V.R.Rausch

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