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Dear Dr. Absolon

Your letter of the 8th was misplaced, but here in a great year-end cleanup I find it. Sorry I didn't answer sooner.

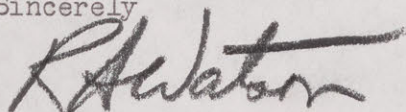
I see now that one reason I didn't answer immediately is because I know nothing about Oklahoma caves. I will write to a friend of mine in Austin, Texas, to see if he can give you advice and perhaps make some arrangements for Otto. There are some fantastic caves in Texas, and a very active group of cavers there. It is possible that they might make some arrangements to show Otto around.

You say that he can leave for Kentucky on Feb. 29th (or is that March 1st?, I have no 1968 calendar yet). And then go on the 4th of March. That would place him at Mammoth Cave National Park over the weekend of March 2nd or 3rd. I believe that we could have some people there to show him some of our Flint Ridge Cave System then. It is probable that our people could be there only on Saturday and Sunday, but should he be there also on Friday and Monday, he would be able to fill his time quite satisfactorily in the commercial tours in Mammoth Cave. (I'm sure the Supt. of the Park will give him free passes; I've already written to him about this.) There is also a private commercial cave in the vicinity which is managed by good friends of mine, and they would probably show Otto around some.

I think I indicated that I sent Otto official Cave Research Foundation invitations, and also letters (copies) which I had sent to the Park, to the Director of the Institute of Speleology at the Univ. of Kentucky, and so on. There is no school close enough to the Park to make it feasible to get him a lecturing invitation. But he does have an official invitation to come to Kentucky to participate in "comparative studies" with our Foundation, or somesuch, I forget exactly how I worded it.

Now that we have some notion of dates, we can make some plans. I will write to my friend in Texas, and to the president of the Cave Research Foundation in Ohio, and between them perhaps they can work out an itinerary for Otto. Perhaps they will write to you, but in any case, you'll hear from me again with some plan for Otto's visit to Kentucky.

Sincerely



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