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Mr. F. C. Lehmann V. Department of Zoology Faculty of Medicine Universidad del Valle Cali, Colombia

Dear Mr. Lehmann:

I am revising the data on the species of birds in whose nests the shiny cowbird, Molothrus bonariensis, lays its eggs, and I wonder if there may be any such material in your collections. What I need to know is the name of the host species, the date and locality of each such parasitized nest. If you know of any other egg collections in Colombia that might have additional material, I would like very much to know of them.

With many thanks for your attention, and with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedmann

Head Curator

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