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Dr. Paul Pearson
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Atomic Energy Commission
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Dear Dr. Pearson:

I am pleased to present a short statement on the progress of the report on the classification of the Grand Fishes.

We have finished connecting the 216 plates, 71 plates, and 100 illustrations volume I which we expect to consist of about 800 printed pages. We expect the rare proofs back from the GPO in January.

This morning I talked with our Associate Editor, John Lea, who stated that the Smithsonian Institution intends to order from the Government printing office, only 2500 copies, which would cover only its own distribution needs. It was sorry to learn from the associate editor that so few copies were being ordered and in the opinion this is the where near enough to cover the needs of other government agencies. If you are interested in obtaining copies for the AEC, I suggest that an order be placed along with that of the Smithsonian Institution. The estimated cost of such an order will probably be between \$2.00 and \$3.00.

The plates and drawings have come out very nicely and I am convinced that this contribution on the fishes of the Hawaiian and Marianas Islands will be of great importance to those who work with that fauna in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard P. Schultz
Leonard P. Schultz
Curator of Fishes

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