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Capt. John Gjaever  
Norsk Polarinstitut  
Oslo, Norway

Dear Capt. Gjaever:

A recent increase in the intensity of polar bear hunting in Alaska has caused us to undertake a program of research on this species. A copy of a preliminary report is attached for your information.

We are most anxious to obtain accurate and current information regarding distribution, annual kill, protective regulations and population status of these bears elsewhere throughout their circumpolar range. We would like to coordinate our research efforts, too, wherever possible.

We will greatly appreciate any information or comments you may be able to offer on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Scott <sup>m</sup>

Supervisor of Game Restoration