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Jack Reddall, Chairman  
CFO Official Records Committee  
4450 South Alton Street  
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Dear Jack:

Since the records committee seems to be finally in operation and you are collecting 1972 records I am enclosing a slide of a Buff-breasted Sandpiper which Sam Gadd and I saw on August 22, 1972 at the Big Johnson Reservoir. We identified this bird by its buff breast, scaly back, long yellow legs, short black bill and flight marks. The eye ring usually prominent in this species was not distinct in this individual. Birds of North America by C. S. Robbins was consulted in the field to confirm marks. We observed the bird for 15-20 minutes through my 20-45X Bushnell scope with the late afternoon sun at a right angle to bird and observer. I photographed it with a Nikkormat FTN and Reflex Nikkor 500mm lense on Kodachrome X film. It was feeding in the mud and shallow water which is not typical of this species. We knew immediately that the bird was rare. Sam had seen the bird before but I had not. I have other slides available on request.

Yours truly,

*Mike*

Michael P. Schultz

