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Dear Mr. Drenkow:

Your letter of December 30, 1983, to the Publications Resource Office, NSF, was forwarded to the Division of Biotic Systems and Resources since our Division is the NSF unit that deals with the subject area of your letter. As a systematic entomologist with an interest in biological control, I was particularly interested in learning of your manuscript.

Although our program's mission does include support of publication of basic research documents, such as taxonomic monographs, these are primarily the results of basic research projects funded by NSF. Our program does not include providing support for the publication of text books and references of the nature of the manuscript described in your letter.

Your book, "Biology and Control of Insects and their near relatives," appears to be very comprehensive and I expect that it will be a most useful publication. As far as other potential publication outlets are concerned, a few possible leads come to mind. First, have you contacted the Entomological Society of America? Although they have not been extensively involved in publishing reference texts, as I expect you are aware, they may be interested in your manuscript or may be able to provide other suggestions. I would suggest that you write to the Executive Director, Mr. Darryl Hansen, or call him (301/864-1334). Also, Dr. Ross H. Arnett, Jr. (retired, but working at the Division of Entomology, Florida Department of Food and Agriculture, Gainesville) has had considerable experience in producing and publishing reference works in several aspects of entomology, and he may be able to give you more specific advice. His telephone number is 904/371-9858.

Of the few publishers that I am aware of that may have an interest, I would suggest that you contact Westview Press, a relatively new and developing company. They are situated in Boulder, Colorado. I am sorry that I do not have their address, but I imagine that a local library could find it for you.