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Mr. Ira Shapiro
39 West 71st Street
New York, N.Y. 10023

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Here is a statement on photography which you requested.

Photographs mirror the insights and emotional sensibilities of the photographer. They reflect in me those perceptions which have become rooted in the fibre of my being and have continued to develop within me from the years of my youth.

The earliest influences in my life came from the wild environment, from an irresistible attraction to the animate and inanimate objects of the natural world, and it is these in an expanded circle that still draw my attention most insistently. I could no more ignore these influences than I could deny my biological inheritance.

I hope you understand that I am participating in this advertising program to increase the sale of my photographs rather than for the glory of photography.

Yours sincerely ,