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Mr. David Brower, Executive Director
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Dear Dave,

While I was in La Jolla I had a long discussion with Mr. Sol Lesser, who has been connected with movie production for some time, on a project to make a film on the theme of "In Wildness". He is concerned to know whether I would be willing to collaborate either in an advisory capacity or more closely in the actual production. I told him that I have had no experience in this field and am doubtful about the contribution I could make, but that I would be especially interested in the project provided; 1) the purpose were conservation, and 2) the Sierra Club were a sponsor. I made it clear that the Club would be unable to make a financial contribution, to which he responded that such a participation in the project would not be expected.

Actually he proposed alternate projects: one a short suitable for theater or TV showing which would follow "In Wildness" more or less closely and would be accompanied by a narration on, or reading of, Thoreau; or a more ambitious full length picture on Walden (but not at present day Walden) in which a well known actor (Gregory Peck was suggested) would interpret Thoreau's philosophy.

It seems to me that either of these schemes would fit very well into your proposal that the Sierra Club sponsor selected Educational Television performances and motion pictures as part of the Club's overall conservation program.

Mr. Lesser's address is: 9808 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California, 90212. I would like to hear what you think of this idea, but I also hope you will communicate with Mr. Lesser directly.

Sincerely,

Eliot
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c.c. Mr. Sol Lesser
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