

1077 Sheridan Rd.
Hubbard Woods, Ill.

January 2, 1942

Mr. Henry Allen Moe
John Simon Guggenheim
Memorial Foundation
551 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moe:

Enclosed is a report of the work I have done in connection with my Guggenheim Fellowship. It does not include a financial accounting of the funds that I have received but I could send you such an accounting if you want it.

If the United States had not become involved in the world war I would apply for a renewal of my Fellowship but I feel that my training as a photographer, in chemistry and in medicine can be put to a more useful national purpose in some other connection. Because of defense and war needs there will probably be such a shortage of photographic materials and equipment that the continuation of my project will become impossible. Also of course I may be drafted.

Because of this situation and its exceptional character I wonder if you could accept an application for a renewal of my fellowship to be considered after the conclusion of the war. I realize that this is a rather extraordinary request and that it may not be considered sound policy to grant it.

In case, however, that you feel that you can give it some consideration I will state briefly how I would like to continue my project. I should like to spend April and May photographing birds in Illinois in order to get pictures of many of the common early nesting birds of this region which I failed to get last spring. June, July and August I should like to spend in Maine, a state I am very familiar with and in which I have done a good deal of photography. Because the breeding season starts very late in Maine I think this division of time may be more profitable than that I made last spring.

Yours very sincerely,

Eliot F. Porter