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Dear Eliot,

Too bad about Dave . I voted for him but it was inevitable. He just couldn't hope to keep his job if he persistently refused to consult the directors. Suppose this means the end of picture books for the present at least.

I was in New York last week with the result that I went to bed with a violent attack of asthma from which I am still trying to recover .

While in N.Y. I saw Barnard at the Readers Digest. I believe you have had some contact with him. I did the text for a dummy layout of photos of the American Deserts.

Barnard sent me the enclosed letter which is more or less self explanatory but if not this is what it is all about. He has the idea that Readers Digest Books could find a mass market for a book of your photographs along with some text of mine, not necessarily either new text or new photographs- something like New England pictures to go with passages from my two New England books. I believe he has said something to you about this but asked me to write you. If you are at all interested we might discuss the matter further.

Best wishes,

Joe K.

P.S . The Gallapagos pictures are if possible even more stunning than any of the others,