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Dear Aline and Eliot;-

It was such a pleasure to have a brief visit with you. The Slide Talk was a huge success. The slides and illustrations of Antarctica are magnificent. As an amateur myself, I can appreciate the remarkable success of your exposures. We have been enjoying reading the splendid book just as much as the slide talk.

The superb descriptions of the sunrises, the colors of the sea, the descriptions of the albatrosses and other seabirds reflect Eliot's keen observations and his long experience in conveying to the readers what they were meaning to him. We have finished the first trip down and back to Albuquerque and eagerly looking forward to starting Chapter Six and the second summer at McMurdo Sound.

We have heard from Gerry Akers and Scott McVay and thought you'd enjoy their comments. Scott has led an expedition to Alaska to study the Bowhead Whales. He served on the Princeton University <sup>STAFF</sup> for ten years as Assistant to Presidents Dodds and Goheen, then was head of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation and is now

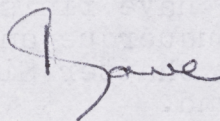


Executive Director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. He is also currently serving as President of the Foundation Managers Association. However, he has ~~al~~ways been greatly interested in Natural History and especially about WHALES.

Gerry Akers is the widow of one of my former Associates at Clark, Dodge & Co. They have two fine sons, -Frank G. Akers, Jr. is now doing a splendid job of restoration of the old section of Portland, Maine. After her husband's death, Gerry took a degree in Marine Biology at Miami University and specialized in the Antarctic. Last winter she spent at the Antarctic Institute and Museum at Christchurch, New Zealand. This accounts for her technical comments of the wingless fly and Colombola.

Sally joins me in affectionate greetings and all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,



P.S. There's no rush on the Portfolio as we are taking off early in January for Caneel Bay Plantation, 120 Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S.V.I., 00830 and expect to be there till the middle of February. So, I suggest that you do not ship it until time to arrive here about February 15th. McA.