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January 20<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Porter,

The man for you to contact at the Geographic is unquestionably the president, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor. I have just received a letter from him & am sure that he is in Washington now - He has just returned from a short vacation in Florida. I am writing Dr. G. today and will mention that you may submit an article. Your recent article and pictures in the Naturalist were dandy and we have heard many favorable comments.

Ever sincerely,

Brad Washburn

January 20, 1940

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 17th enclosing the Franklin L. Burr prize which the Society so generously has conferred upon me this year.

I have just received a letter from Dr. Eliot Porter of Sante Fe, New Mexico, with regard to an article which he has recently written on the birds of Great Spruce-head Island, Maine. I have highly endorsed Dr. Porter's suggestion that he submit this article to the National Geographic Magazine, and have told him that I am sure you will be much interested in his work.

I do not know anything of Dr. Porter's ability as a writer, but his photographs are truly extraordinary. We have just taken down an exhibition of his Maine bird photographs which has been hanging for some time here at the Museum. We have had an enormous amount of favorable comment on Porter's work, and I am sure you will be most interested at seeing his pictures.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of our little magazine, The New England Naturalist, on pages 5-9 of which you will find several of these photographs and an article by Porter on some problems of bird



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photography.

I shall look forward to hearing from you with regard to my article, and shall be glad to help in every way in order to revise it to suit your wishes. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Bradford Washburn  
Executive Director

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