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March 15, 1985

Mr. Eliot Porter  
Route 4, Box 33  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

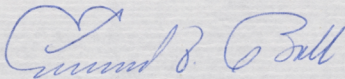
When I was in New Mexico earlier in the month looking at what might be done to preserve some of the critical and endangered areas on Ortiz Mountain Ranch, John Egbert presented me with your spectacular photograph of one of the areas.

I asked John for your address so that I could express Mrs. Ball's and my appreciation for this remembrance of our joint conservation and preservation efforts with the Nature Conservancy.

We are delighted to have this photograph on the back of which John wrote of the occasion and then had it duly witnessed by signatures of the several representatives of the Bureau of Land Management, our ranch manager and John himself.

Thanks so very much for making it possible for us to have this fine example of your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edmund F. Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

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cc: John Egbert  
Virginia Ball