362 Middle Road Bayport, N.Y. 11705 December 19, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Porter:

Twice I have written to you about a possible apprenticeship and both times you were kind enough to reply. I have been an admirer of your work for many years. I was particularly excited to hear that you recently met my father (Kenneth Poli of Popular Photography) and was sorry that I wasn't able to have joined you at lunch that day.

I understand that you are finishing work on your Antarctic book, and wondered if you might be able to use an assistant in any capacity? I have a deep interest in writing as well as nature photography. I work as a naturalist at Nissequogue State Park on Long Island and am an avid birder. I could type your manuscripts, assist in the darkroom, or help you in any way.

I look forward to meeting you someday soon! Thank you so much. I enclose my resume.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Poli

P.S. Would you please return my photograph when you can? Thank you.

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BRUCE POLI RESUME

Graduate, Bayport High School June 1971 Education: Graduate, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. June 1975 B.A. Degree Major: Language and Literature Sr. Project: English translation short stories by Colette Add'l courses: Banff School of the Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta, Canada 6 week intensive Photography, college graduate level. Summer 1975 Can. Rockies Nat. Sci. course..... Summer 1975 Dowling College, Oakdale, N.Y. History of the American Indian January 1974 SUNY at Stony Brook, N.Y. Work in Central Park West & 79th Education and New York, N.Y. Bird Research Feb 1976-Ref: David Pressler resent Suffolk County Department of Labor Supervisor in Youth Conservation Veterans Memorial Highway Program Happauge, N.Y. June-Aug 1976 The Long Island Earth History Museum Volunteer Work as general Earth & Space Science Bldg. museum SUNY at Stony Brook worker Jan '76-Stony Brook, N.Y. Ref: Steven Englebright, Curator Silver Image Gallery (photo) Sales...part time 727 Commerce Ave. held at Oct. 1975 Tacoma, Wash. same time Darkroom asst. Morley Studios Part time 720 Pacific Ave. Oct. 1975 Tacoma, Wash. Museum work, Hudson River Sloop Restoration office work 88 Market St. and work on the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Clearwater sloop Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. Jan. 1975 1 Park Ave. College rep. for Sales New York, N.Y. Dep't. 1973-4: 1974-5 Suffolk County Parks System

Montauk Highway West Sayville, N.Y. 11782 Nature guide in county park June-Aug. 1974

Photographs and book reviews published in Popular Photography magazine; photosinin photographic shows. Travel: Idaho, Oregon, Washington One week raft trip down the Snake River

> Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah National Parks, etc.

Ossibaw Island, Georgia One week project on bird census Off the coast near Savannah, Ga.

Canada: Quebec-Vancouver & Vancouver Island One entire summer. Camped in Banff (Alberta) for 2 months

Washington: Vashon Island Lived and worked for 3 months with Northwest Indians and native Alaskan woodcarver on this island in Puget Sound. Photo documented all my experiences.

Washington, Oregon, Calif., Ariz., N.Mex., Texas, Okla., Ark., Tenn., Va., Penn...N.Y. Full month trip across U.S. Pacific Coast Highway (101), Seattle to L.A. South across U.S. Photo documented. April, 1970

May-June 1972

March-April 1975

June-Sept. 1975

Sept.-Dec. 1975

December 1975