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Mills Tower, San Francisco 94104

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Dr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Eliot:

I'm sorry for the delay in answering your letter of July 7th. I have expected every day to have most of the information you requested but as you can see it was not forthcoming until now.

I passed on to Jack the information that you had not received any authors copies of the paperbacks. Jack has assured me that he will relay the information again to Ballantine Books as we do not have supplies of the paperbacks in the club.

I can't give you a statement on the sales of the paperbacks for the period of September 1st through December 31st, 1967 as Ballantine contracts do not call for a reporting statement as of that time. All of the contracts with Ballantine Books include the following provision: "Ballantine Books shall render statement of sales as from April 1st to September 30th and as from October 1st to March 31st of each year and shall make settlement thereunder on or before February 1st for the six month period ending the preceeding September 30th, and on or before August 1st for the six-month period ending the preceeding March 31st."

I've been expecting Ballantine's Report due August 1st momentarily but as yet it hasn't arrived and as I am going on vacation I didn't want to delay answering your letter any longer. I'm sure it will be here upon my return in two weeks and I will send the information to you immediately upon my return.

In case I neglected to provide you with the number of "In Wildness" paperbacks sold for the period ending September 30th, 1967 here it is. There was a total 40,955 sold with gross royalties on these sales of \$13,344.09. Payment of your share of these royalties is being held up pending the execution of a contract agreeable to all concerned. I'm told some definite progress in this regard is being made through your agent. I certainly hope that an agreement can be reached in the near future and allow me to clear the clubs books of these past due items and once again get on a current basis.

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As I understand your relationship with your agent it only pertains to publications subsequent to "Summer Island" and paperbacks and I am therefore enclosing our check to you covering the royalties earned for the period January 1st, 1968 through June 30th, 1968 on "In Wildness", Grand Canyon, Summer Island and Portfolio I. If I am mistaken please advise and I will forward to your agent copies of the enclosed royalty reports. It is my further understanding that royalties due on those titles covered by your agreement with your agent will be paid to the agent in total rather than to you directly. Perhaps we can get together at some time during the September Board meeting and clarify the mechanics of reporting and payments. I'll be looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,



Clifford J. Rudden
Controller

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Enclosure