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Eliot Porter,
c/o The Sierra Club,
Mills Tower,
San Francisco.

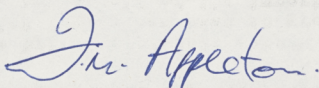
Dear Dr. Porter:

This is a thank you note. It comes from a biological scientist who has had a whole new field - maybe a career - opened up to him through the photography of nature.

In the bringing of this about, the effect of the images of Eliot Porter has been so great, that I could not even tell you myself of its importance. The power of the photograph to show the hidden joys of nature to an unthinking public; to show what ignorance of the totality of things can lead to: These things I am now doing myself, but it was your unwitting influence which first fired my imagination.

You are offering your powers - those of acute visual discernment of colour, form and movement - to a largely desensitized public. You must sometimes wonder if your gift is ever gratefully accepted. This letter is to tell you that in this particular individual's case, not only was the message received and appreciated, but it was also acted upon. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,



F.M. APPLETON.