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Senior Center, Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Maine, 04011
February 25, 1970

Dr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Dr. Porter,

Thank you for your most kind letter of December 2. I still can hardly believe that Bradbury is all mine. And your consideration of Nature Conservancy for Great Spruce Head is encouraging, even in light of the multiple ownership. I myself own some other property with two sisters and a brother, and concurrence can be evasive at times. For my part, I hope to be able to give as much as one-half title to Bradbury to Conservancy this year.

It would certainly be most exciting to have Bradbury, Great Spruce Head, Butter, and Pickering all preserved permanently somehow. Both Pickering and Eaton nearby are owned by Mr. James A. Wakelin, who is a trustee of National Geographic Society and lives in Washington, D.C. As you know, Mr. Cabot owns Butter. The Conservancy and I should be writing or talking to both Mr. Cabot and Mr. Wakelin, and I shall keep in contact with you concerning their reactions. I shall of course only be telling them of what I am doing with Bradbury.

On another matter, I am the informal head of a group at Bowdoin organizing for an environmental day this spring, and we would be very much honored if you would like to visit here in an official capacity and perhaps talk of conservation and photography. We are trying to organize a program for May 7 and 8 (since the national April 22 Day comes before spring does in Maine), but if you were travelling through to Penobscot Bay at any other time, we aren't worried about the date.

Some funds will certainly be available to cover your visit, so if you would like to appear here, we could hopefully work out a successful plan. Otherwise, if you can't stop here, I would personally hope to meet you sometime this summer, especially if and when I can spend some time on Bradbury. I do hope you can visit Bowdoin, though.

Sincerely,

David Becker

David P. Becker

I think there are
exquisite pictures.

Enjoyed the pleasure
and privilege of looking
at them.

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Box 40
Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Maine, 04011
January 23, 1969

Dr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Dr. Porter,

I am writing to inquire if you would know of any shore property, especially any island, that is now up for sale or would soon become available, hopefully within the immediate Deer Isle area, or at least in Penobscot Bay. I am writing upon the advice of John McKee, a very good friend who is helping me very much in this endeavour, (and who told me to mention his name so that you know I'm not a developer!). I've tried a couple of real estate dealers, but would want to look everywhere possible first, and it would probably save me a great deal to go through a private individual. I'm also definitely considering some arrangement with the Nature Conservancy, because its program seems very wise to me.

Bradbury Island, very near your own Great Spruce Head, has been on the market, but upon my inquiry, was told that it was now unavailable due to "legalities beyond the owner's control." I was wondering whether you knew anything about that.

Any leads which you could give me would be greatly appreciated, because I just love Deer Isle, and am looking forward to going there quite often. By the way, I am a great admirer of yours, and it is a pleasure to write to you. Thank you very much for all your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Becker

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