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Professor Harold E. Edgerton  
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Dear Professor Edgerton:

I am appealing to you again for aid in obtaining a portable Speedlamp unit for use next March in making still photographs of birds. The Eastman Kodak Co. is very discouraging about the possibility of delivering an outfit so soon.

Is there any possibility that you would sell, rent or loan to me, or send me a wiring diagram with specifications for a portable unit?

The requirments for bird photography are the following:

- 1) exposures at at least 1/10,000 of a second;
- 2) apertures of f/32 to f/45 for black and white;
- 3) two discharge tubes for Kodachrome
- 4) reflectors small enough so that lamps can be placed 3 feet from the subject - this I think will be necessary in order to make exposures at small stops;
- 5) units must be operated from storage batteries.

I hope you will not think me importunate. Any advice or suggestions which you may care to make I will be very grateful for.

Very truly yours,

Eliot F. Porter