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Dear Mr. Porter:

I saw your interview on the CBS Sunday Morning News. I have always appreciated your photographs, because I felt that you have been able to catch the essence of the moment. Many people who have seen my photographs have said, that I have a similar way of seeing. I am very saddened that you are no longer able to take photographs. What saddens me the most is, I know that you must still see great photographs but are unable to catch the moment. I also have felt great frustration and sadness. My wife and I had had two children who needed heart surgery shortly after we graduated from college. Because of medical bills and the responsibilities of life it became impossible for me to work at my photography full time. I am currently the general manager at 100 room motel and convention center. The irony is, there are many people whose goal is, what I am doing. But I suppose this is one of the mysteries of life. I dream of being able to work full time at my craft. It seems as if the harder I work to get ahead, the harder it gets to achieve my goal. I cried when I heard that you had Lou Gehrig's disease. At first I thought I was crying because of your loss.....I realized that was not the reason. I was crying because you have achieved what I feel I never will, but want more than anything. I would trade places with you in an instant. I know that must seem absurd, but that is how I feel. I have always felt that I was going to achieve success in my photography. If I could be your hands I would, so you could continue taking great photographs.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Franzese