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Dr. Edgar Wayburn, President
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Dear Ed,

Will you please present the following statement and request to the Board of Directors at its next meeting in February.

Because the question of conflict of interest has been raised involving the propriety of royalty payments on Sierra Club books to directors and staff, I feel obliged to clarify my position in this regard and to request confirmation by the Board of Directors of the solution which I offer.

Since I have not served on the Publications Committee and have not voted as a Board member specifically to publish any of my own works, although I have supported the publication program of the Club, I believe there has been no impropriety in my receiving compensation in the form of royalties for the books that the Sierra Club has published under my name. Nevertheless, while I continue to serve on the Board I agree voluntarily to contribute to no book, either text or photographs, which the Sierra Club shall at any future time undertake as part of its own publication program or in collaboration with other publishers or foundations.

This commitment, however, shall not be construed as cancelling or as amending in any way the existing book contracts between myself and the Sierra Club.

Yours sincerely,

Eliot Porter