



Dear Eliot

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If a typewriter will do it--here goes,even if I only  
hit the right key once in awhile,

I agree:

Bureaucracies are to be avoided

No compromise with degree of pollution

Don't need any more surveys

Wildness must be saved,damage repaired,population in  
crease sloed down,gas engine combustion con-  
trolled-----

What I am trying to say is:

Suppose you have everwhelming public support

Suppose Congress gets the word and votes the  
money

Suppose its all clear what has to be done to  
do the job right

WHAT THEN ? WHO 's going to do the job ?

The Copps of Engineers ?

The Bureau of Reclamation ?

of Land Management or any and all  
of those already tied up in Pork  
Barrels,Red Tape,and Confusion?

What I'm trying to say is that a job of this over-  
whelming importance to this country,and the future  
of all mankind,can NOT be left to chance--with all its

Have read: Science and Survival  
Our Plundered Planet  
and now The Human Zoo.

Would like to Join Sierra Club but hesitate  
because I belong to so many such alreadyAt  
that,have bought most of their publications  
when I detect name of E.P. inside or outside the  
cover.

P.S. Leslie has just written you are the big  
hero of Conservation to the U C/Berkeley and  
has asked for your address which I have sent.  
She's there now in Zoology,husband Jeff in Soc.  
Sci. She went with me to Africa.

ramifications its the biggest, most difficult, most intimate task this country has ever faced.

I am trying to say- beyond figuring out what to do--we've got to figure out a way TO GET IT <sup>Done</sup> DOWN--recognizing all the obstacles to such an endeavor. To me (until somebody comes up with a better idea) it means the establishment of some kind of organization Outside the government mobilizing the best talents, resources and technologies we have to do this job, and this job only, under the leadership<sup>n</sup> of the best man we can get-- something<sup>n</sup> as independent, as determined, (hopefully as successful) as NASA, organized for a purpose like the AEC or the TVA. This job with its political and social overtones, is harder than any of them.

To me, how to <sup>h</sup> achieve the results we all so much desire is where the big effort must now be <sup>pl</sup> mobilized, the best brains we have in Social Sciences, Politics, <sup>Have</sup> ~~Man~~ got to buckle down, as they never have before, with, management, economics, etc to come up with A WORKING, FEASIBLE SCHEME. It won't be done overnight, it's late already if things that may be getting under way are not to prove short-sighted, piecemeal, or even harmful to the over-all coordinated, integrated scheme that must be thought out. Even the best human endeavour will fall short, but no where near as far as if things are left to chance, and the way all past experience indicates they will surely go.

Enough for now. Thanks for the review, I have to revise the Outline Shortly. Next month the NAS & NAE should be launching an Institute Of Environmental Affairs which should be getting initial over-all studies under way. They are basically The Stamford people who made the Florida Jetport study last summer.

<sup>Quick</sup> If you still think I should throw in the sponge, let me know--before I am gently lodged in the nut-house by well meaning friends.

*Lilienthal,  
James Webb*

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