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Dear Eliot:

I had lunch today with Jack who quite agrees with me that there should be a contract as soon as possible--a protection for both parties. But he says impossible to do now as he hasn't seen the full range of the photos--his mind is dangling between a super-sized book, larger than GALAPAGOS, and one of that size and he thinks the photos will determine this, how many color and how many black and white and so on. He says these are due to come soon from you and when you send you might drop me an informing note. The African book he hopes to bring out in Spring, but if not possible then in June or July or August at the latest so the bird book could come out in late October or early November--enough separation not to cause confusion.

So things pend. I have suggested to Jack that if in the super size he might well think about a portfolio of the bird color photos in addition to the book itself--not necessarily done at the same time.

Hope all goes well--all I seem to do is to work hard and I guess I might do worse

yours

*Diarmuid*