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Dear Eliot:

I think I had better go ahead with the contract without waiting for the safari costs--and ask for \$7500 of the advance to be paid on signing since very shortly you will have to be putting out money. Things move so slowly at this time of the year that even asking for the contract now will probably mean money won't come in till mid January.

As for LIFE the rumors still go on and certainly a look at the recent issues show their advertising has diminished greatly--and this is a time of the year when magazines are fat

yours

Diarmuid