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Dear Eliot:

Can you tell me an approximate date for your going to Africa? I have to get the Dutton contract fixed up by then in time for money to be paid to you. And if safari costs are hard to come by would it be safe for me to say to Jack that you must have \$7500 on signing without waiting for a more exact figure. All this year end period and new year period make things slow so I feel I shouldn't waste time.

HOLIDAY magazine says they have no money these days to give options so I'll try elsewhere--LOOK probably since the word around town is that LIFE is doing very poorly; indeed some people say it may go out of business

yours

Diarmuid