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Mr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Mr. Porter:

I had a long talk yesterday with Wilentz who is going to put through an order for the calendar money and hopes it will come quickly, but he says that you know about the financial situation and that maybe it won't come as quickly as it should. At any rate, he will urge immediate payment.

The errors are very upsetting and were to him because he doesn't know at this point how far printings have gone. He has the feeling that probably the entire run of the print has been printed at once, which would make correction of errors impossibly expensive. We talked at some length about this and he is writing to Brower both in Frankfurt and also in London, not quite knowing where he might be, to send over the list of corrections and to see if it is possible in any way to correct them in the book itself. If owing to the stage of the printing, this can't be done, I said the thing that should be done was to print up an errata slip and put it in the book. To have so many errors is not only distracting to you, it doesn't at all reflect well on the Sierra Club. There has been altogether too much rush of this work and it is perfectly plain that the hurry has been caused by the financial stringency and the desire to get Galapagos out and selling so that they could start recovering some of that quarter-million dollars they have invested. I would guess from what I know of publishing procedures, that only an errata slip would be possible. They would probably print all the sheets but bind only limited quantities as required.

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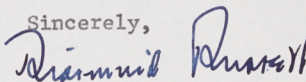
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I look forward to seeing you after the election and you can be sure that all future contracts would totally prohibit the things that have gone on with these two.

As regards the contracts themselves, the question of how much Sierra would have on foreign editions has not been answered and Wilentz says that only Brower can decide this. At any rate, I have asked him to draw up draft contracts which contain the multitude of other changes that have to be made, leaving the foreign matter aside for the moment, so that I can see all else in the contracts will agree with what has been decided upon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diarmuid Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Diarmuid Russell

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