



L.A. Ranch

Stonewall, Texas

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DEAR STUART AND SCOTT,

ALTHOUGH I HOPE YOU WILL PARDON ME IN USING YOUR FIRST NAMES, YOUR ENORMOUS KINDNESS MAKES ME FEEL YOU ARE ^{my} FRIENDS! I CAN STILL SCARCELY BELIEVE I AM THE OWNER OF SUCH A TREASURE AS OF BIRDS AND TEXAS.

FRIENDS OF MY DAUGHTER, LYNDA ROBB, OWNERS OF "GREAT OLD HOUSES" IN ENGLAND INVITED US TO VISIT IN YEARS PAST. I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER - BECAUSE I WAS SO IMPRESSED - THAT ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS OF TOURING, I SAW TWO AUDUBON ELEPHANT FOLIOS DISPLAYED IN HOMES. I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD POSSESS A COMPARABLE FOLIO! IT IS EXQUISITE AND I SHALL PRIZE IT FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS.

IT NOW 'RESIDES' ON A VERY LARGE TABLE IN MY HOME, SO I CAN LEISURELY SAVOR THE SPLENDOR OF THE TEXAS BIRDS, LANDSCAPES AND NATIVE PLANTS. AFTER A TIME I WILL TAKE IT TO THE NATIONAL

WILDFLOWER RESEARCH CENTER, WHERE IT CAN BE ENJOYED BY MANY --
BUT ALSO RECEIVE THE CURATORIAL CARE IT DESERVES.

YOU'VE EARNED A LARGE AND ADMIRING SALUTE FROM THOSE WHO
LOVE THIS STATE AND ITS NATURAL HERITAGE AND WITH CONNOISSEURS
AROUND THE WORLD.

WITH DEEPEST APPRECIATION,

Lady Bird Johnson

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