

Dear Barbara -

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Although I told you ^{the other day on the phone} that Scott and I would like to take such stamps. We are formally accepting the Commission with the latter. Also as we discussed in our conversation Scott and I have chosen the American Golden Eagle for our subject.

I have already composed what I think will be a suitable pose and composition which will be in keeping with post such stamps but will have a certain Audubonesque airy look of day work in our book of Birds and Texas.

We will try to get a study to you in a few days and the finished painting by October 15th.

I hope that this does not present a problem but we would rather do the birds life size rather than the recommended 13 inches by 18 inches. We have had a lot of experience with reproducing images and because the elements of all proposed paintings are simple and straightforward don't have finely detailed patterns. I believe that our paintings can be reduced to the book stamp size without loss of pictorial vitality. I shall give you an idea when you see the small study that we will be sending you in a few days.

Sincerely
Scott