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Dear Stuart and Scott,

Mireille and I are overcome by your splendid and exceedingly generous gift. Moreover, we are deeply moved by the warm sentiments accompanying this extraordinary expression of friendship. It is perhaps the single most outstanding expression of appreciation and welcome since we arrived in Texas six years ago... with all the usual anxieties about life in "our" new community. We are deeply grateful and extend our heartfelt thanks. We know how much of your artistic skill and achievement are represented in "Of Birds and Texas" and shall treasure always the ownership of such a triumph of

beautiful design, fine printing,
and original scholarship. There
was nothing in Paul Mellon's
incomparable collection of 18th-
and 19th-century illustrated
books from Britain of greater
appeal or sheer beauty. I know
this from five years of rubbing
shoulders with many of the
world's snootiest bibliophiles and
rare book dealers.

Miriette and I value
your Christmas present in ways
that go beyond words... Please
accept this inadequate attempt
to convey our abundance of
gratitude... until we can tell
you in person how much your
present means to us and our
children.

Fondly,
Miriette + Ted