

STUART W. GENTLING

2 March 1983

Dear Pete,

I think that the enclosed letter-receipt-contract covers everything and leaves you thoroughly protected in case anything should happen to prevent us from completing the Book. There might be delays which I have not foreseen, but I do not see that anything short of death, injury or natural calamity could prevent us from going to publication now. This whole project has begun to take on a life of its own. In fact Scott and I are beginning to see that this book business is much bigger than the both of us. I have completed extensive legal work, and more remains to be done. I am pleased with the fact that I have proceeded very methodically to insure that all parties are bound to the projects and at the same time having their own interests properly protected.

Pete, this money is a God-send. It will help us to properly complete the gallery, to hold on to our paintings for a late April show to open the building for business and thus gain the necessary funds to make the final push to finish the remaining bird paintings by the end of the year. Both Scott and I are deeply moved by your trust and your sincere interest in our project, but putting all emotion and gratitude aside for a moment, I can say with deep conviction and pride that you, Pete, have made a deal that you will never regret. You will make a \$30,000 profit for your pension fund immediately upon publication, and should you hold the volumes for a couple of years, which would be the wise thing to do, then your profit should be substantially more.

Again, Pete, we wish to thank you for your help, coming as it does at a time when it will be of maximum benefit. Scott and I know that we are sitting on a gold mine, but we also realize that we have to endure the frustration of knowing that we must proceed gradually and with great patience over the next few months in order to reach our goal ^{and} reap the fruits of our enterprise. I would like to end this letter by saying that you ^{are} trust, your enthusiasm and your help have.

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brought our project much closer to its realization, and when the Book is published you will feel, I hope, the deep satisfaction of having in so small way made this historical publication possible.

Love -
Stuart

P.S. Pete, you can make your check out to me for the entire amount, since I am handling all the finances for the remodeling of the gallery.