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Dear Stuart:

Skip the apologies -the important thing is that your eye problem has worked out and that you and Scott are working (presumably) happily and (assuredly) productively.

The bird paintings are every bit as spectacular as I knew they would be. You are generous to have sent them, and I am flattered to have them. Your decision to withhold the paintings from sale is, in my opinion, a wise one. What are the publishing plans? I might have some ideas for you.

When is the show. For God's sake, let me know so I can turn up. And I look forward to receiving the slide of Scott's Mozart.

For myself, lots of news. A second novel, Someone Else's Money, will be out in July and you'll receive one as soon as I have copies. I'm getting married Saturday. My lady, Barbara Siebel, is a 29-yr old art director who comes from a line of illustrators. Suitable, huh. A bride and a book seems enough for one Summer.

Keep banging away. Again, thanks for the birds - they ornament life. Best to Scott and, as always, God bless,

