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Dear Contributor,

~~Dear and trusted like~~
~~thank your generous support~~

Acert and I would ^{personally} like to

thank you for your generous support ^{of the efforts} of the Museum
of Science and History to acquire the complete
collection of our original ^{which} paintings ^{which you created} from
our box of BIRDS AND TREES. We are ~~very~~ ^{grateful}

mindful that it is ^{very} rare for artists and
their works to be honored in ^{this way} such a way - in their
own lifetime and ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ their own home city. ^{for us} It is

~~one of the~~ ^{the} most gratifying reward for nearly
a decade of hard work to create something very
special in the history of ^{American} publishing. The public

response to the paintings as well as the eagerness
of ^{other} institutions throughout the state ~~would want to~~ ^{own} in owning

To exhibit the works in their cities ^{own} ^{provides} we think, ample

proof that this collection will be an asset to the museum
and the people of Fort Worth that will only increase
in importance in the years ahead. Many donors may

not realize that in addition to the ^{complete} collection of the
40 ^{original} paintings ~~we are giving~~ ^{which} the museum most of the
watercolor studies, preliminary sketches, ^{masterpieces}

drawings and all pertinent correspondence so that
the Museum will become the major source of
information and ^{future} scholarship ^{concerning} for this monumental
publication.

Paintings
of the

and publishing of the Box of BIRDS AND TREES

Christmas Card
from

my separate mail To show our gratitude we are sending you
two signed artists' proofs of the color plate
from our book ^{which were printed} made from the original painting
which you helped the museum to acquire. We
hope that in some small way ~~it can~~ ^{to you} this gift
can express the deep sense of honor and gratitude
which we feel because of your support. ~~With~~ ^{to}
We are also including, with this letter a brief
summary of the progress which the museum has
made in the last year in its efforts to acquire
the Complete Collection along with some interesting
news concerning the collection itself. In ~~the last~~
year 1986 the museum ~~has~~ received donations and
pledges for 24 of the 40 paintings, ^{which} This
response would have been ^{a significant accomplishment at that time} very ^{enthusiastic}, in the
best of times, but considering the ^{poor} economy of
the last year, the museum's success so far is quite
impressive indeed. The ^{next step} museum will be placing all
the paintings on view for six months. At that
time it ^{is anticipated that it can} hope to raise the remaining funds needed
to ^{purchase} buy the entire collection.

Again, we would like to thank you for your
support, and we hope that you ^{can feel} that you
joined ~~with~~ others in becoming a very real part
of ~~what~~ ^{an important} an historically project which we hope
will give pleasure to art and nature lovers and
become ~~a source of pride~~ ^{a source of pride} for Fort Worth &
source of pride for generations to come. Sincerely

to say
support and that through your gift you have become a very
real part of an historically important project which, we hope, will
give pleasure to art and nature lovers of all ages and become for
Fort Worth a source of pride for generations to come. Sincerely

the paintings which are created for O.E. BIRDS
AND TEXAS will become ~~not only~~