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Stuart Gentling
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Dear Stuart :

Our bird outing with Laura Bush went extremely well and I am sorry that you were unable to attend. I heard that you have not been well and I do hope that it is nothing serious.

Our 100th anniversary celebrations still continue, tomorrow we will be celebrating an exhibit of 100 years of Audubon at the State Capitol. We have also booked a new museum for the Traveling exhibit of your paintings which will be sponsored by one of our donors. It is my understanding that the Director of the museum has already been in touch with the Fort Worth museum staff and the dates have been set.

As a follow-up to our discussion re: how to proceed with the publication of the book and a partnership between Audubon and you and Scott in this endeavor. I spoke with Clare Tully, National Audubon's new Marketing Director, several weeks ago to get her advice on an agreement and support. She recommended that we approach publishers to see what they had to offer prior to entering into any agreements with your agent Shannon Davies – since she believed that the book has great potential for being attractive to publishers and that she has worked with publishers that ~~let~~ respect the artist's intentions.

As we discussed, this project should have a national scope. My initial conversations with Clare were extremely fruitful. We discussed holding a meeting in Manhattan in mid or late June. She was going to contact publishing houses in NY that she has a relationship with to introduce to the project. We also discussed having an article on you and Scott prepared for the National Audubon magazine and introducing you both to the editor during this visit as well. Lastly, in the event our negotiations were successful – we also discussed, bringing the Traveling Exhibit to NY to announce and celebrate the book project.

Since that time I have left at least three messages on your answering machine to discuss this further. Since I have not heard from you I have not moved ahead to make any further arrangements.

I take it that you have received at least one of the messages since you have responded to my invitation to you for the outing with Laura Bush.

Is this something that you are still interested in exploring?

We did give the book some coverage in our state newsletter – in the event you do not wish to move ahead please let us know.

Best wishes,

Catriona Glazebrook