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Letter from John Muir to [Theodore P.] Lukens, 1895 Oct 18.

John Muir

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Thanking me for 150 photos
Sierra Nevada &
San Gabriel mts

Others previous to this are lost
Martinez, Oct. 18, 1893

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My dear Mr Lukens,

Your kind letter & generous
package of photographs arrived safely
& have thus placed me deeper than
ever in your debt. I knew that
north Tuolumne County in a general
way - knew that its glacial phenomena
were on a grand scale & especially
heavy but the details you give
me in the pictures & letter are very
interesting & make me wish I had
played tourist a week or two longer
& gone with you. Anyhow I'm going
to Pasadena to hear your story
unless you come here soon. I
was afraid the little rain we had
in the lowlands might work you
harm in the mountains as a violent
storm though on the other hand I
felt pretty confident in your mountain-
craft for all storms are kindly when

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fairly treated.

The game picture is a good one with the bear & deer but the best of it is Yourself in the old canvas hat. Recalling our long rides together in Sierra comfort & exhilaration. These photos are much clearer than the first though I suppose they would have been still better had they been given shorter exposure as you say.

These San Gabriel views bring back my weeks scramble in the flowering chaparral 20 years ago. Maggie is now with us & she showed me, the other day, a fine set of pictures of your home the grandchildren etc. But I'll write no more - You come right up here or I'll go right down. I'll only say thank you, I hope you found your wife & children well, & that I am ever cordially Yours John Muir