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WILLIAM H. HOLABIRD  
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LOS ANGELES

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1908

John Muir Esq  
Martinez. Cal.

My very dear friend

When I arrived at Home on yesterday, the first thing that my dear wife handed me was your letter, & the two beautiful books you so thoughtfully sent me. I shall have real pleasure in reading them.

Dear Mr Muir. I learned valuable lessons from you the past summer. one lesson was. to spare the beautiful birds and animals. I put it into practice at once. for when I had bade Mrs Kavinman the young people good bye. I hastily superintended the storing of things away at the Lodge, for the winter. I packed my roll

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and went to Coos Bay to investigate the  
Country & its resources for Mr Harriman.  
thence I went to Yaquina Bay & overland  
thru the great hills of the Coast Country  
to Tillamook. I carried nothing  
but my camera. no rod, no gun.  
The forests are truly wonderful, the rivers  
beautiful, the beds & food abominable.  
Some of the way I went on foot. some of  
the time in a canoe. then in a wagon.  
I have finished my report & am at home  
among those who love me. for the first  
time since Mch 1<sup>st</sup> save 2 days when  
returning from Mexico.

I have several nice letters from Mr Harriman. the  
ten fall is, satisfaction with the Lodge.

What a nice time we did have. & how much  
your presence added. you will never realize.

Please consider me now & always,

Your sincere friend

W. H. Holabird

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