

June 28, 1975

Dear Ken,

There's a small seaplane flying around and practising landings in the passage below my house. I've been sitting here writing and at the first sound of the plane I felt a tug at my abdomen and instantly I was up over the rocky peaks with you at the controls. I don't suppose I'll ever hear the engine of a small plane again without soaring - and for that I thank you fervently. Even if I never have a similar experience for the rest of my life, no one can ever take away what I had in Idaho.

I had planned to get out my beautiful electric typewriter and compose a proper thank-you letter. But the sound of that plane overhead made me realize that such a deeply personal experience could not be properly expressed on a typewriter. (I couldn't even have used it at Taylor Ranch - perhaps that's why it seems so out of place.)

I'm well aware that you really put yourself out for us and you didn't accomplish anything except the care and feeding of four female journalists. I thank you for that, too. Your cooking was great - as were your sense of humor, your patience, and, above all, your flying. I'm truly grateful for your ability and your philosophy about flying. To put it briefly - you're quite a man, Ken. Sincerely,
Jean

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July 7, 1975

Dean John Ehrenreich
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Dear John,

I'd like to express my appreciation for my recent visit to Taylor Ranch in the Idaho Primitive Area. I hope the television program and the articles I produce as a result will express the excitement I felt, as well as the environmental importance of the area.

My only disappointment was that I didn't capture any big game (with my cameras, of course). I'd like to try for the goats, elk, and sheep - and, with my very long telephoto lens - a bear and a cougar. I'm well aware that I could spend quite a lot of time without seeing any of them, but I'd like to try, if possible.

You may remember that I mentioned Dorothy Reynolds of the Idaho House of Representatives who was my roommate on my last African safari. If you find it possible for me to return to Taylor Ranch, you might also extend an invitation to Dorothy. Not only is the environment one of her legislative concerns - she is also a teacher of earth sciences in Caldwell, so the experience would be valuable for her.

I have not mentioned this idea to Dorothy as yet. I owe you the courtesy of waiting for your reply. After fifteen years at a state university, I realize that you may have many good reasons for not inviting a state legislator to one of your projects.

In addition, I should say that we wouldn't expect to be waited on as my colleagues and I from the Press Women were. Ken is a fine host and an excellent cook, but we are capable, and willing to do our share for the group.

I hope you won't feel the slightest hesitancy about giving me a negative answer if that's what you want to do. In any case, I shall treasure the experience I've already had at Taylor Ranch. It was a pleasure being there with you, Ken, Jerran, Arlo, and all the students.

"Thanks" is an inadequate word, but I do thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Cox

cc: Ken Sowels

*Ken - I'm sure you knew I'd be persistent.
When do you leave for Dakar? I'd be happy to send
you my article on Dakar & other info, if you'd like it.*

16 July 1975

Ms. Jean V. Cox
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Dear Jean:

Thanks for your nice letter of 28 June. It was truly a pleasure having your group visit the Taylor Ranch. Rarely do we have the opportunity to entertain so many women at one time.

The Dean passed along your letter to me for response and then I received your copy a couple of days later.

I'm sure we can arrange another trip to the ranch for you and Doroty Reynolds later in the fall. Usually there is a much better chance to get big game pictures after some cold weather sets in.

We are looking forward to seeing your movie footage and articles on the Taylor Ranch experience.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Dean

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