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Mr. John Rhoden
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Dear Mr. Rhoden:

Thank you for your letter of October 10 and for your kind offer to make illustrations for the National Geographic Magazine.

While we should like to be of assistance, I am sorry to have to tell you that The Society does not usually give assignments to photographers or writers who are not members of our staff. Only in rare cases and under very special circumstances do we advance photographic equipment and film, where the free-lance photographer has contributed to the National Geographic Magazine or where we have knowledge of his ability to make satisfactory illustrations.

We are always glad to receive good pictures of geographical subjects for editorial consideration, and if you should decide to go ahead on your own and make the photographs, we would be glad to review them. I am enclosing a printed statement which explains in detail our illustration requirements.

We appreciate your thought of the National Geographic Society in connection with your forthcoming trip, and regret that we cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,


Leonard J. Grant

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Enclosure