

October 10th, 1955

Mr. Walter Edwards  
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Dear Mr. Edwards,

A little over a year and a half ago, while I was doing some extensive traveling which took me to not only all the European Countries, but also to North Africa, Egypt, the Countries of the Near East, India and Ceylon, and doing extensive photography at the same time, it was my great misfortune to run out of film, because being a student I didn't have the financial means to purchase an adequate supply.

Near the middle of next month, November, I am leaving on another trip under the auspices of the State Department which will take me from Iceland to parts of Africa. It is my intention to do a great deal of photography in Africa.

I have been informed that the National Geographic Society does, on occasion, supply film to certain individuals with the understanding that the film thereafter belongs to the National Geographic Society but with a copy being given to the photographer. I would like very much to be eligible for such an arrangement. If I am eligible, how much film would the Society allow me? The film desired is 35MM Kodachrome.

Sincerely,

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