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Dear George:

By all means send my name to the National Geographic as a character witness. The idea is great, absolutely sound, feasible and sure to yield important results. As proof of my sincerity, and also proof that there's a destiny that shapes our ends I must tell you that only yesterday Karen and I were talking of possible ways to keep her in sea turtle ecology with a physiologic cast, and I said I thought she ought to ask you about the possibility of going out to Pearl and Hermes with some telemetric aids and finding out why green turtles bask there.

No crap--only yesterday it was. Obviously, it was logistically a total pipe dream, and one that you and Whittow are in far better shape than we to undertake. So I really do think you've got a fine project, and I'll be delighted to tell the National Geographic people so.

We are on the verge of publishing a biggish report on the first 21 years at Tortuguero. When the manuscript takes final shape we'll send you a preprint. I'm pretty sure that if tag loss doesn't bother you too much, returns from your tagging are certain eventually to reveal some stirring things.

Karen sends regards, as I do.

Sincerely yours,

  
Archie Carr

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