

November 28, 1967

Dr. Melvin Payne
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mel:

Thank you for your letter of October 25th in which you brought me up to date on the wildlife editorial projects which are being considered by your editorial staff.

I feel very confident that Maurice Hornocker will come through with something very fine and I have equal confidence that Jerry McGahan can also do an outstanding job on the Andean condor.

With regard to the polar bear, I have some suggestions that I would like to make for your consideration. I feel that there is very definitely a very fine story in the polar bear research program. Let me give you a little background on this first before making the suggestions I have in mind.

In 1965 an International Conference was held in Fairbanks, Alaska, to discuss the status of the polar bear and to outline an international research program. I attended the conference and felt it was one of the most worthwhile conferences of this type I had ever attended. There were representatives from Norway, Denmark, Canada, Russia, the United States including representatives from Alaska. The conference ended with the conclusion that polar bear populations were being harvested too heavily, that there was insufficient biological data on the status of these populations throughout the Arctic, and that each of the participants should initiate individual research programs to gather data on population structure, breeding biology, and movement of polar bears - these projects to be coordinated through the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

To date the Canadians have a project under way headed by Dr. Charles Jonkel, a former student of our wildlife program at the University of Montana. The Norwegians have a project headed by Thor Larsen, and the State of Alaska has a project under way headed by Jack Lentfer. I am acquainted professionally with these men and recently went to Hudson Bay to meet with Dr. Jonkel and Thor Larsen where Frank and I briefed them on our radio-tracking techniques.

At that time I suggested that work on the polar bear had the potential for a Geographic article and suggested that we work out some way to get the necessary coverage for a Geographic article. I know that Thor Larsen

and Chuck Jonkel are very much interested but to date we have not worked out specifically how we should attempt to tackle the job.

Either Dr. Jonkel or Thor Larsen could write an article based on their work, or they could do this jointly. Their work closely parallels the type of thing we have done with the grizzly bear except they have not yet utilized the technique of radio tracking and this technique will be an unusually effective research tool in determining movements of polar bears.

Frank and I hope that by next summer we will have financial support from the National Science Foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission so that we could provide biotelemetry equipment to those working on the polar bear and possibly to Maurice Hornocker working on the puma. This type of approach would save these individuals from going through all the preliminary developmental stages that we have had to wrestle with. Also they would be starting out with a system that has already been thoroughly tested. We would simply act as advisors and consultants in helping these people utilize the equipment and techniques we have developed on the grizzly bear.

If this program materializes, we would become closely associated with the polar bear research work. Neither Thor Larsen or Chuck Jonkel have indicated either to Frank or me as to whether they would prefer to write their own article for the National Geographic or whether they would prefer to have the work written up by someone else.

In any event, I think there are two possible approaches:

1. Thor Larsen or Chuck Jonkel, or both, to author an article on their joint work in Norway and Canada.
2. Frank and I could write an article, very briefly describing their work but with emphasis on the introduction of the radio-tracking technique to their particular studies.

I would much prefer the former since I think it is important for the people actually doing the research to write about their own efforts and experiences. It will require a lot of photographic coverage and as I see it, this could well be circumpolar with emphasis on international cooperation and research. Photographs could be obtained of the work Thor Larsen is doing in the Spitzbergen area, Jonkel's work in Hudson Bay, and Lentfer's activities on the Alaskan pack ice.

Providing satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Research Group, Frank and I would certainly be interested in helping to obtain the photographs necessary to illustrate such an article. We would be even more interested in having Derek and Charles accompany us on this project since they would be of tremendous help in obtaining some photographs and I think it would add interest to the article.

I would envision taking several seasons to obtain the type of photographs that would meet the National Geographic standards: One summer in Spitzbergen working with Larsen, one late summer and fall working in Canada with Dr. Jonkel, and early winter of the same year working with Lentfer in Alaska.

In order to accomplish what I have briefly outlined here, it would be necessary to have travel funds and, of course, the necessary photographic equipment - which as you know Frank and I already have.

I see no necessity for the Society to become involved in the research effort unless this was desirable since these projects are already pretty well financed through other sources. A contribution might be made to help Frank and me to introduce the radio-tracking technique to the Norwegians and to the Canadians.

Both Thor Larsen and Charles Jonkel are fine field research men and I have no hesitancy whatsoever in recommending the work of these scientists. I believe that a cooperative effort on the part of all of us would be the best approach to obtaining an outstanding National Geographic article; however certainly neither Frank nor I would want to become involved in this project unless there was full agreement with the respective project leaders.

If your staff reacts favorably to the suggestions I have made, perhaps the next step would be for the Society to suggest that Thor Larsen and Charles Jonkel prepare the article and that Frank and I, with the help of Charles and Derek, make the photographic coverage. Once we're in agreement as to how it might be best to handle this project in the best interests of the National Geographic, then Frank and I could contact the other scientists directly or this could be done by the Society.

As you can see, this will take quite a bit of exploring before we can arrive at the best way to handle it - but once this has been determined, I can assure you that an extremely interesting article would materialize.

I am sending a copy of this to Frank and he may wish to make an independent comment. I will provide a copy of this for Andy Brown and Bob Patten since it appears that both these staff members have already become involved in the possibilities of a polar bear article.

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

cc A. Brown, F. C. Craighead, R. Patton

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JAMES FORD BELL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

Minneapolis, Nov. 8th, 1967

Dr, John J. Craighead
The Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
Montana State University
Missoula
Montana

Dear John,

First I must thank you for a nice time in Hudson Bay last September. I was glad to meet you and your brother after all this previous correspondence, and to talk bears with you both. It was a pity that you had to leave, because the bears came to the area the next day, and we were able to trap five before Vagn and I had to leave. You have probably got more detailed reports from Dr. Jonkel now.

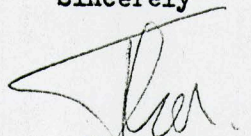
It was a pity that I was not able to watch your TV program. I was not home at that time. However, according to the staff and the students at the museum, newspapers and magazines (among them "Time"), it was an extremely interesting and successful program. I am really sorry I lost it.

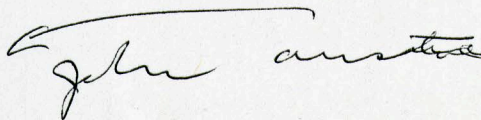
I have written the National Geographic Society, and asked them about a possible interest in the Norwegian polar bear program. From their answer, I understand that they are interested, and want to put the question before their Planning Board. I suggested that they might get some additional informations from you, from the reports you have got as well as from our discussions. I want to empasize however, that in case you feel that my inquiry will be in conflict with your own grizzly study, please let me know.

I sincerely hope we may be able to meet again in Spitsbergen next summer, and that I may be able to introduce telemetry in my program, as long planned. It seems difficult for me to come to Montana this fall, as I am too much tied up with the work here at the museum at the moment.

My best regards to Frank.

Sincerely


Thor Larsen



November 27, 1967

Mr. Ralph Britt
2039 Dolphin Blvd.
St. Petersburg, Florida 33707

Dear Ralph:

It was certainly a surprise to receive your letter and I do appreciate the nice things you had to say about our film GRIZZLY.

I can well remember your brother, Jim. Frank and I were very close with Jim for a number of years and I had often wondered where he was and what kind of work he had gotten into. It sounds like you're in very interesting work there at St. Petersburg - rather unusual work I would say for someone who had retired from the Marines after 22 years of service.

Although Frank and I have taken a number of personal wildlife films over the years, we do not have any that we have copies of and that we can circulate to educational institutions. There is one, however, entitled WILD RIVERS produced by Educational Horizons that might be available for distribution. The address is 3015 Delores St., Los Angeles, California.

It was really great to hear from you and again, many thanks for your nice comments.

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

Dr. John Craighead
Montana Coop. Wildlife Research Unit
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

6 November 1967

Dear John,

First, I wish to refresh your memory concerning the author of this letter. I lived in Chevy Chase fairly close to your home when you were attending Western High School. You and Frank were very actively engaged in falconry, and I was also interested in it at the time. I believe my brother Jim was in your school classes about that time. Your sister Jean was in my graduating class at Wilson.

I would like to extend my congratulations to you and Frank for the excellent work you are doing and the marvelous films that were televised last week in this area. I made the viewing of this program a requirement for my biology students, and you now have another 125 avid admirers. It was spectacular. I am now a school teacher in St. Petersburg, Florida, teaching general biology, and a special course in botany.

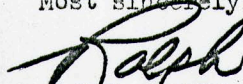
From high school, I went to Purdue University where I majored in Forestry and received a B.S. in Forestry. Then I was caught up in the war, entered the Marines, and remained for twenty two years. I retired in 1962 and decided to teach biology. I returned to school for a year and then began teaching. I still have a deep-seated interest in this field despite a long absence.

My students have really been motivated by your film "Grizzly." They are most anxious to know if there are any others available that you have filmed that they could view, particularly about falconry. It would be greatly appreciated if you could advise me of their availability and the source to which I should apply.

It was a great thrill for me to see your film. I can honestly say that I could recognize each of you as I remembered you, and from some old pictures.

Best regards for your continued success,

Most sincerely,


RALPH BRITT

Ralph E. Britt
2039 Dolphin Blvd.,
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707

November 27, 1967

Mrs. Mary T. Shearer
Secretary to the Superintendent
P. O. Box 43
Crater Lake National Park
Oregon 97604

Dear Mrs. Shearer:

Thanks so much for your nice letter commenting on our grizzly bear TV program. It is letters such as yours that make an undertaking like this seem worth while.

If you should ever get back to Yellowstone, please drop out to our research lab at Canyon and say Hello.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

P. O. Box 43
Crater Lake National Park
Oregon 97604

November 7, 1967

Dear Frank and John:

Just wanted you to know how much we enjoyed watching your grizzly bear movie, available Friday night, November 3, on KMED-TV Channel 5 from Medford, Oregon.

It is splendid to have television upgraded. Of particular interest were the pictures and narration about your families and background as youthful science researchers, outdoorsmen, and world travelers.

Our Research Biologist, Richard M. Brown, enjoyed your picture, too.

The enclosed article from the Klamath Falls HERALD AND NEWS arrived in the park after the fact.

Also, your message came through loud and clear in the recent Reader's Digest article on grizzly bear hibernation. Here's hoping your work leads to more wildlife articles and movies.

Ed Oberg, whom you met at Yellowstone, is still taking and showing excellent wildlife portraits, and I understand Eastman Kodak is interested. He's the one who figures his camera settings algebraically. Should you ever want to contact Ed, his address is 1-M, Math Sciences Bldg., University of Iowa, Iowa City 52240.

Should you ever need a tracker, the youngster I mentioned to you, Jackson Reed, now age 24, may be contacted at P. O. Box 2, Big Fork, Montana, phone 837-4493.

I just returned from a three week trip to Hawaii where ten days were spent camping in the back country. This type trip certainly can be recommended for family fare. Hawaii is not all millionaires, tourism, or Armed Forces installations. The locals we met were keenly interested in conservation. Their State and county parks are as pristine as Oregon's State parks.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Shearer

(Mrs.) Mary T. Shearer
Secretary to the Superintendent
(former Secretary to the Chief Park Ranger,
Yellowstone)

Enclosure

cc:

✓ John Craighead, Missoula
Frank Craighead, Washington, D. C.

November 27, 1967

Mr. Joseph E. McDowell, President
Servomation Corporation
777 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10018

Dear Joe:

Thanks so much for your nice comments on our TV program GRIZZLY. I had thought that the word had gotten around to all the Grizzly Riders as to the showing time for the film. In any event, I'm glad you didn't miss it.

I have just been back from Yellowstone for a few days and have been terribly busy trying to get caught up on the paper work. Just as soon as I do, I plan to view the Kodachromes I took on our trip last summer. I know I have some good ones of you and want to send them on to you.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you next summer if not sooner. Keep in shape and we'll climb another mountain together.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB



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November 9, 1967

Mr. John Craighead
Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
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Dear John:

Last Wednesday night I was fortunate enough to hear that your Grizzly program would be on T.V., just in time to see it. I thought it was beautifully done, although I missed some of the footage which you showed last summer. I realize that the time restrictions required some editing, and I thought that the inclusion of some background about you and Frank, as well as the scenes of your family life in Wyoming were quite interesting and appropriate.

I am sorry it has taken me a week to get around to writing this letter, but I did want you to know that I saw the show and enjoyed it very much. You and Frank are to be congratulated on putting together such an interesting program.

Cordially,

JEM:gh

November 27, 1967

Mr. George Banta, Jr.
George Banta Co., Inc.
Menasha, Wisconsin 54952

Dear Mr. Banta:

Your letter certainly brought back old but enjoyable memories. One of the most interesting episodes in my life was the time I spent at Menasha dummyming the survival book for the U.S. Naval Institute. I don't think I ever received more hospitality from strangers than I did from the people of Menasha.

You inquired about one of the boys that wore a Carleton football jersey. The boy was my brother Frank's oldest son, Lance. He is now 20 and a junior at Carleton College. He is on the varsity wrestling team and also does quite a bit of skiing. If by any chance you should get down that way, be sure and look him up. I know that he would be very happy to meet your grandsons who are attending Shattuck School in Faribault.

Again, thanks so much for your nice letter and I hope this finds you in good health. Please give my warmest regards to my old friends at the Banta Publishing Co.

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

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November 9, 1967

Doctor Craighead
University of Montana
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Dear Doctor Craighead:

I just want you and your brother to know that your friends in and around Menasha enjoyed your "Grizzly" program very much. It seems a long time ago when you were here to assemble the book for the United States Naval Institute back in war time. You made a number of friends who remember you most pleasantly.

It is wonderful to know that you have continued the work in which you have had such great interest since you were youngsters. It is most valuable in a field in which your experience enables you to make a great contribution for the good of us all.

Some of us were particularly interested in the fact that one of the boys in the picture wore a Carleton football jersey. We here know a good deal about Carleton because of our interest in Lawrence, a member of the Midwest Conference which includes the Northfield institution. Incidentally, Mrs. Banta and I had four grandsons at Shattuck School in Faribault, Minnesota, which is not far from Northfield.

We all hope that you and yours will have good health and the desire to continue the important work you have done so well.

Sincerely yours,

GBJr'vf

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November 28, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Broome
5115 Mountain Crest Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

Dear Harvey and Anne:

It was certainly nice to receive your card and to know that you enjoyed our TV program. As you can imagine, it was a lot of work but it has certainly been rewarding to receive congratulations from so many of our friends. Comments such as yours make the work seem even more worth while.

Will be looking forward to seeing both of you out west one of these days.

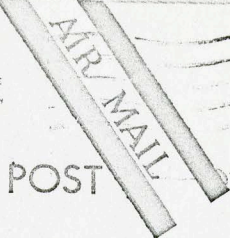
Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

TV Tonight

7:30—BEST BET NO. 1—The National Geographic Specials are outstanding contributions to television programming and tonight's presentation of Grizzly is a prime example. What is supposedly a nature study is also laced with philosophy; loaded with 20th century scientific aids to the naturalist; a study in wholesome family life, and crowned with outstanding photography. Drs. John and Frank Craighead are twins and naturalists working in the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks where their purpose is in tracking grizzly bears and documenting their lives. WBIR-TV.



We look forward to
seeing you & Marg
and your brother
happy & proud
to know you & Marg
& your brother
Anne
Broome

Dr. John J. Craighead
Wildlife Research Unit
Univ. of Montana
Missoula, Mont
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Knoxville News-Sentinel Wednesday, November 1, 1967

Magnificent photographs!
Harvey

November 28, 1967

Mrs. Adrienne Iatack
2530 N. W. 63rd Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33313

Dear Mrs. Iatack:

Thank you for your spontaneous and very genuine comment on
GRIZZLY. To receive appreciation such as you expressed makes our
work seem even more worth while.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

Mar. 2nd 1967

Dear Sirs;

After viewing "Grizzly" last nite,
I was left overwhelmed.

May I compliment you on the
magnificent way of life you've
maintained for your families.

I shall pray for your continued
work & happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Adrienne Latack

2530 N.W. 63rd Ave.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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November 28, 1967

Mr. M. Rupert Cutler
The Wilderness Society
729 Fifteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Rupert:

Thanks so much for your nice letter of November 3rd. I am happy that you enjoyed the TV show and comments such as yours make the whole project seem worth while.

I certainly hope that some time in the near future Frank and I can get together with Brandy and Clif Merritt and discuss our suggestions for management of bears in Yellowstone. I think there is a lot of merit to the proposed wildlife management zones, in spite of the fact they may slightly lower the total amount of land area that would be classified as wilderness within Yellowstone National Park.

I personally feel that both your Society and Congress has set a standard for wilderness and that the thing we must continually strive for is to maintain a quality rather than a quantity perspective on wilderness as well as other wild land resources. However, Frank and I are certainly open minded with regard to these proposals and would like nothing better than to have the thoughts of others on the matter.

Thanks so much for the review in the Washington Post and also the Forest Service's Washakie wilderness proposal. Unfortunately, I have been so busy lately that I have not had time to keep up on all the wilderness activities in this part of the country.

Your supporters appear to be doing a great job on the Hell's Canyon and on the Salmon River. These are two areas I am immensely interested in and hope I can soon turn my attention to lending some support to the preservation of these areas.

I'll try to send you some comments on the Washakie wilderness proposal but it will probably be somewhat in the future as I am simply swamped with paper work at the moment.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

The Wilderness Society ♦ — 729 FIFTEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005 — ♦

November 3, 1967

Dr. John J. Craighead
Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59801

Dear John:

Thanks for your note of October 18 with reference to the polar bear situation. It's interesting how much less conservative our U.S. (Alaskan) polar bear hunting regulations are than those of Canada and Russia! Hasn't my old pal from the Maryland Natural Resources Institute, Vagn Flyger, been working on the immobilization of polar bears through the use of a technique similar to yours with the grizzlies?

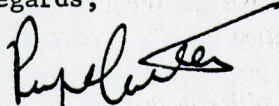
Harvey Broome, Brandy and I have read your Yellowstone bear management report with real interest but have yet to sit down to think about our concrete reaction to it. Your proposed wildlife management zones--exclusions from the wilderness areas within which the administrative use of helicopters, motorized vehicles and other mechanical equipment would be permitted for wildlife management purposes--certainly are relatively small compared to the amount of the proposed wilderness areas, but we can't help having a twinge of concern over their exclusion from the wilderness units.

I hope you have been able to send a copy of your report to Clif Merritt. I know he and Brandy will want to get into this matter with you in some detail in the near future.

What inspired my writing to you today was the enclosed review by Lawrence Laurent in the Washington Post yesterday of the National Geographic Society film featuring you, Frank and your families. We saw the television program and enjoyed it immensely. I thought you'd like to have copies of this review.

Coming to you under separate cover is a copy of the Forest Service's Washakie wilderness proposal, together with a copy of our original "poop sheet" on this area. Tom Bell and Clif Merritt will be working hard on this one to see if we can't win some expansion of the Forest Service proposal. Your comments on our recommendations certainly would be appreciated.

Best regards,


M. Rupert Cutler
Assistant Executive Director

cc: Clifton R. Merritt, Margaret E. Murie

Radio and Television

A Fine Study of 2 Naturalists



By
Lawrence
Laurent

REVIEW. The unhurried quality of a National Geographic Special (CBS, Channel 9) gives a special appeal to these infrequent programs. The themes and subject matter is always timeless with no effort made to demand or command attention.

The specials do very well in the ratings, however, and this is probably because the viewers have come to expect superior production, sound research and solid scholarship.

Last night's program, "Grizzly!," suffered only from a misleading title. The use of that word and the exclamation point led many to expect a program of violence, combat and gore. Instead, those who went past the title found superb color photography and a well told story of two remarkable men.

Frank Craighead Jr. and his identical twin brother, John, grew up in the Washington suburb of Chevy Chase. Their father was chief of the Division of Forest Insect Studies at the Department of Agriculture. The brothers earned Ph.D. degrees in Ecology, which is the study of the relationship between organisms and their environment.

FOR THE PAST 20 years, the Craigheads have lived in homes they built in Wyoming's Grand Tetons, near Jackson Hole. They are scientists of the wilderness and what came through most strongly in this documentary is their love of the wilderness and wild animals.

The research they have done on the grizzly bear (*Ursus horribilis*) may prove helpful to man and to his scientific progress. But a better reason for their work was

credited to John's daughter, Karen.

When Karen was 12 years old, someone asked her: "Why bother? What good is a grizzly anyway?" Her answer: "We want to save the grizzly because when he's gone, he's gone forever. And we can't make another one."

Working with the grizzly, it turned out, is only one of the projects pursued by the brothers Craighead. They're also concerned about the disappearing golden eagle, the predatory hawks, the Canada goose and Yellowstone National Park's overpopulation of elk.

The best scenes, I thought, concerned the two Craighead family. They live happy, busy and independent lives. I also especially liked the scenes of the two, muscular and fit brothers as they fished the wild river and fought rapids.

"RIVERS," said John Craighead, "are fragile things, easily destroyed by man. A truly wild river is precious. Only a few still exist in America. Hopefully, we can save these few for future generations to enjoy."

The work in Yellowstone and the teaching of college

students by each of the brothers would be motivation enough for most men. John had still another reason and it furnished the conclusion of the program:

"All creatures, including man, exhibit some common behavior, traits deeply rooted in animal instinct and animal drive. So as we strive to know ourselves and to understand our own behavior, we find there is much we can learn by studying other animal life; whether it be mice or grizzly bears."

With all the phony, dramatic heroics that abound in television, it was a treat to watch the self-sufficient, purposeful brothers at work. The National Geographic Society deserves credit, too, for showing the joyful activity of the men and their families.

November 27, 1967

Mr. Frank Dunkle, Director
Department of Fish and Game
Helena, Montana

Dear Frank:

It was certainly nice visiting with you the other evening while Chuck was here. I'm sorry that we were so far off schedule but it is difficult to fit a social hour into the end of a two-day hunting expedition. Next time I'll be able to advise Chuck a little more adequately as to what he can expect on a mountain goat hunting expedition. I guess we all learn the hard way.

I was really amazed at what Chuck was able to accomplish with his handicap. He certainly has a lot of guts and if anybody ever earned a goat, he did.

When we got together the other evening, I hadn't yet had a chance to go through my mail on returning from Yellowstone so I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very nice comments you made concerning our television program GRIZZLY. We have had many fine comments and letters such as yours make all the work and effort seem worth while.

If the film does, as you suggested, create a better understanding as to what a biologist does, how he goes about his work, and the objectives he seeks, then the film will have served its purpose as far as I'm concerned. I think that the public in general needs to not only know what the conservation issues today are all about but also they need to know more about the type of people who are trying to solve these problems for them. I feel certain that the viewing public will see our goals and objectives as those of the wildlife profession and thus all of us will benefit by better public understanding of our work.

Again, Frank, thanks for your very nice letter.

Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

STATE OF MONTANA



DEPARTMENT OF

FISH AND GAME

Helena, Montana
November 8, 1967

Dr. John J. Craighead, Leader
Montana Cooperative Wildlife
Research Unit
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

Dear John:

I had the opportunity to watch the "Grizzly" television film. This was an excellent production; perhaps I liked it for other reasons, but I'll tell you what they were.

I know from past experience it was a difficult decision as to what shots should be used to adequately explain what you are trying to do in the grizzly research program. You chose well.

The other important item, as I see it, was the very effective method used to portray wildlife research and the biologist. I know that as people watched this film, they could not help but have additional respect for this "goofy" fellow who is out looking at grass and animals. We need more of this to explain to the public that biologists do more than think great thoughts.

Again, John, you and Frank did an exceptional job on this production.

Sincerely,

FRANK H. DUNKLE
STATE FISH AND GAME DIRECTOR

FHD:ss
Personal

November 27, 1967

Mr. Fred C. Mills
7145 Soquel Drive
Aptos, California 95003

Dear Fred:

It was certainly a pleasant surprise to get your letter and to learn that you had seen our TV film GRIZZLY.

A lot of water has gone over the dam since we were last together in Michigan and I can't tell you how happy I was to learn of what you have been doing and that you're still happy, healthy, and productive at 81. I enjoyed reading the commendations you received upon retiring at 81. You don't look a day older than when I last saw you.

As you saw in the TV show, my children will soon be fledging. Karen is a junior at the University. Derek entered as a freshman this year, and Johnny will be entering high school in September.

We are living in wonderful country and the children can get out of doors frequently and all of them enjoy outdoor sports and have a deep appreciation of nature.

Frank and Esther are now living in Jackson Hole - this in spite of the fact that Frank is on the faculty of the State University of New York at Albany.

I am enclosing a reprint from a recent National Geographic article that I think will interest you. My boy, Derek, and Frank's son, Charles, took the photographs.

A life as full and productive as yours is certainly an inspiration to all. I'm going to send your letter and the clippings on to my Father who retired a number of years ago and has been conducting ecological studies in Everglades National Park. He is 77 and still active in the field.

Again, many thanks for your nice letter.

Kindest personal regards,

JJC:AB

John J. Craighead

P.S. My secretary was amazed at the beauty of your handwriting - not a quaver in it at 81! We both remarked that we wish we could do as well at our respective ages.

Jan 2 - '67

to John Craighead
University of Montana
Missoula

Dear John

It was so good for me to see
you and Frank in action again in GRIZZLY
last evening - plus Mrs Craighead and
your first first son who was in a cradle.
when we met last at your home in Presidio.
That was a happy afternoon and evening
and one which John Loeck and I never
forget. Your sister was there at the time I
recall.

Larry - that's Mrs Mills - enjoyed every
minute of the hour and she look at the
family life and the way the young ones are
brought up. It was a beautiful and
remarkable picture and splendidly balanced
and thought.

I had read the article in Geographic
but of necessity waited until now to
write.

Wish I could tell you all personally
- you thank your ladies and young
Craigheads how much I admire and
value the work you are doing for our

Country. Even on paper I can not express
it adequately.

We are quite well. Just close enough
to Kooltry Bay to see it a mile away.

After my second retirement from
B.S.A. we moved to this smog free area.
Many love it. I could be happier in
Cairns but it's good. That was in '57.
Immediately I became involved in
the training of firearms instructors
then in building a range for the
City. After three years of this as a vol-
unteer I became Range Master for pay.
Retired for third time 18 months ago

Have directed several Agnostic Saboteur
for BSA in various parts of Country
for past ten years but slowing down
now.

Our daughter, husband and five young
children were with us on leave from
Africa. Addie Absa for two months.
Youngest in TOWN. Born on my birthday

Horton Steel (my husband) is US #10
POLICE ADVISOR for Ethiopian Police. They
are back there now for two more
years — and we have put the house
together again.

Regards to Mr. Crayhead
and Frank when you see him please
Please don't think you should answer
this letter. I can guess how little time
you have and the demands for every second of it

November 27, 1967

Mr. Morley Nelson
Tundra Films
73 East Way
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Morley:

Thanks so much for your nice letter and the kind things you had to say about the grizzly bear TV show. You have been in this sort of business long enough to know how much work was involved, and so it was a real pleasure to hear from you. Letters such as yours make all the effort seem more than worth while.

It is true that the Geographic programs, at least to date, have had to operate on a very restricted budget. In fact, it would not have been possible to produce GRIZZLY had we not laid the groundwork for a number of years and taken a great deal of the wildlife footage ourselves. However, I think that in time this will change if the Geographic continues to produce interesting and educational shows.

We have been consulting with them on their program on WINGED WORLD. It should be a real good show provided they have gotten a knowledgeable person to select footage that shows interesting behavior trends and avian activities of active interest. Too often the footage is selected simply for its photographic quality.

I am glad to hear that you have contributed some footage for I know you have some outstanding material. I was too involved in this bear movie to go through my footage and supply them with any film. I had promised to do so but just didn't get around to it.

I got word from Bob Doyle of the National Geographic just a few days ago that on the basis of two people to a TV set they calculated GRIZZLY was viewed by 27,000,000 people. It received the highest rating of three networks for the hour.

I have heard a lot of favorable comments on some of your films and hope I get a chance to view them one of these times. Perhaps we'll get together at one of the scientific conferences this year.

Again, many thanks for your kind letter.

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

Tundra Films

73 East Way

Boise, Idaho 83702

Nov. 14, 1967

Dear Frank & John,

Ever since I read your article on eagles in the Geographic I have wanted to get this letter off to you both wherever you may be now. The Golden Eagle work was by far the finest and most objective work that has ever been completed to date. We have worked on the same type of thing here but just really started a couple of years ago except what I may have found as a hobby.

The film on the Grizzly merely added to all that you have done over the years. The principles were so good, and as I have heard you express them several times. For once we agreed with what Time Magazine had to say about the program. It was a great tribute to you two and your families.

It is amazing to me that the big TV and film people will spend a half million or more on one program that is nothing and everyone recognizes it as nothing. Yet, when a solid story with truth and a message for humanity comes along they will not put enough gold into it to feed the guys who are doing the job. I know that you both have been through that too many times. It may change, there are some signs that indicate a possibility in the future.

The Geographic programs are a good example but they certainly do not have the budget expressed by other shows which they compete with for audience. It will be interesting to see how the ratings come out.

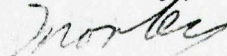
In the next Geographic program I provided quite a bit on the birds of prey. They call it "Winged World," and you probably provided footage for them too. Its a good outfit if they only had the gold to get things done that these other programs do we could make some real progress in public understanding of the outdoors and the messages it holds for humanity.

Time has gone so fast since you were in McCall. I had hoped so many years to have a chance to catch up on all you are doing, but that seems to be off in the future yet. Have been by Moose, but saw part of the family. Also had a training school there for Jan. in 1968 but it was called off the other day because of low funds.

Good luck in all you are doing, and I would like to add my congratulations to you for significant and lasting accomplishments in nature and humanity in general.

cc: Moose-Missoula

Sincerely,



November 27, 1967

Mrs. Marcia Lenz
2737 S. Wentworth Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Mrs. Lenz:

Thank you for your very nice letter of November 1st. I certainly appreciated the nice things you said about our TV show.

I would like to be able to offer your son, Bradley, some summer work; however my plans for next summer are rather uncertain. I expect to be in the Hudson Bay area during early summer and in Norway during August.

As much as I would like to take on young men such as your son and give them the experience working with wildlife, we do not have the physical set-up to do this. I have had many requests such as yours and my only regret is that we are unable to do more for young people who are preparing for college.

If Bradley should decide to come to the University of Montana, I can assure you he will receive first-class academic training in the field of wildlife biology. I would suggest that if he wishes to pursue this further, that he contact Dr. P. L. Wright, chairman of the Department of Zoology.

Again, thank you for your very thoughtful note.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

Dear Dr. Craighead

I have just seen
your "Grizzly" program
on T.V. I feel I must
write & tell you how
exciting & truly wonderful
it was. Especially since
this isn't a subject I
am usually interested in.

My son Bradley is
the avid enthusiast. He
is 16 1/2 & has planned for
many years to take
Wildlife Management
in college. I have sent
for the bulletins from
Montana, Idaho, Wyoming,
& Alaska Universities. He

seems to prefer Alaska, but
after seeing the aforementioned
program, Montana seems
ideal to me for his
purposes.

I would appreciate
if you could take
a few minutes of your
wonderfully busy life
to write me & let me
know if there is any place
there for him during this
summer where he could
work or learn in preparation
for college.

Hoping to hear from
you soon Very sincerely
Yours

Mrs. Marcia Lenz
2737 So. Stentworth Ave.

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November 27, 1967

Dr. Robert Johns, President
Sacramento State College
6000 Jay Street
Sacramento, California 95819

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your kind note about our TV show. The response has been very good and has more than compensated for all the work that went into the film.

I got some good shots of you and Tom on the Grizzly Riders trip. When I get time to sort them out, I'll send them on.

Regards to you and the family.

Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB



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Nov 67

Dear John:

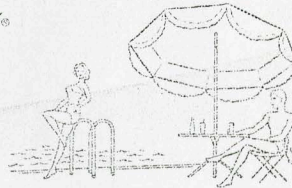
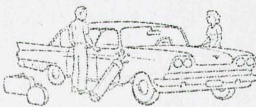
Jimmy and I just watched
"Crissy" —

It was great —
Heartiest congratulations!
Our very best to you, Margaret
and the youngsters
Creeting to Frank —
When are you coming down
this way?

Sincerely,
Bob Jones



"Your Host...
from Coast to Coast"



REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

HOLIDAY PRESS

November 2, 1967

Dear Doctors Craighead:

Although, we're not in the habit of writing fan letters, we felt we wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed the show last evening that featured your work with wildlife.

We especially enjoyed it because we've always been terribly interested in the grizzly and its survival. We've heard so many amusing stories about the West Yellowstone feeding grounds (or dump) and about people like ourselves who just enjoy sitting and watching the bears eating, playing, etc. Although completely unschooled in the academic sense, we've always dreamed (and will continue to do so) of living in an area where we could watch and study the grizzly.

I hope the wonderful show presented by National Geographic will be repeated this winter and again in 1968 so everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy it.

Thank you again for a very enlightening hour.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Bob Harris

(Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harris)

cc: National Geographic Society

No address

November 27, 1967

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Harris:

Thank you for your very nice letter. It is letters such as yours that make our work seem even more worth while.

I hope that some time you will have the opportunity to watch and study the grizzly bear. He is a remarkable animal and after nine years of intensive work, I am still tremendously fascinated by his behavior.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

November 27, 1967

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Gould
The University of Arizona
Dept. of Geology
Tucson, Arizona 85721

Dear Larry and Peg:

I don't know of anyone who is so complimentary and enthusiastic in his letters as Larry Gould. It is indeed a real privilege and a pleasure to hear from you and the nice things you said about GRIZZLY certainly make our work all the more rewarding.

Frank and I had qualms about bringing our family life into the picture but after much thought and deliberation we felt the message this might convey to the general public might more than offset any criticism we might receive from the scientific community. Amazingly enough, the reaction has been extremely favorable both from the general public and from scientists - and a letter such as yours has allayed any fears we had and is most rewarding.

I am very familiar with Krutch's writings. His work is outstanding. I would like to think that his enjoyment of the program is partial compensation for all the pleasure I have had in reading his books. Please convey to him my great admiration for what he has accomplished with his writings.

I hope that I shall have the chance to see you and Peg before summer but if not, we shall have to find time to wet a line in the Snake River. Better yet, let's plan for a float down the river.

I marvel at how much you accomplish and still get time to fish and enjoy the Jackson Hole country. I would like to learn the secret of your success for certainly the last few years I have not been able to manage to spend any time in Jackson Hole in spite of the good intentions and well laid plans.

Kindest regards, and again many thanks for your nice letter.

Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85721

COLLEGE OF MINES
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
TEL. (602) 884-2442

November 2, 1967

Dr. John Craighead
Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
Montana State University
Department of Zoology
Missoula, Montana

Dear John & Frank:

Though Peg and I do not have a television receiver when I received John's letter informing us that your show would be on last night, we made arrangements to visit some good friends of ours. The results were rewarding, indeed. We should have been very sorry to have missed that remarkable show.

I had warned a good many of my friends to be on the lookout for it. So I'm sure a great many people in Tucson shared our pleasure. I hope many, many people can see this film. It is one of the most eloquent endorsements of conservation in the best sense I have ever seen.

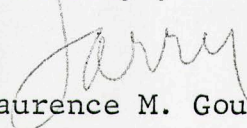
You are familiar with the writings of Joseph Wood Krutch I'm sure. He and his wife were enchanted with your show.

If Peg were here she would want to dictate words quite as enthusiastic as these concerning her reaction to this wonderful film.

We are still sorry that the summer was so busy for all concerned. I was away in England for some days and then we were both in Minnesota and this summer went altogether too fast. Let us not be so busy next summer that we can not at least wet a line together.

With warmest regards to all of the Craigheads.

Sincerely yours,


Laurence M. Gould

LMG:eg
CC: Dr. Frank Craighead

November 27, 1967

Mrs. Kay Parlett
W. 2115 ARiverside, Apt. 4
Spokane, Washington

Dear Mrs. Parlett:

Thank you for your nice note concerning our TV show GRIZZLY.

The graduate student you recognized was Bob Ruff. I believe you did some typing on his thesis. He has his Master's degree now and is well on his way towards completing his Ph.D. I'll be writing him before long and will tell him that you asked about him.

Again, many thanks for your nice letter.

Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

Nov 1, 1967

Dear Mr Craighead,

I just watched "Kijzly" on TV. I was really thrilled. I worked for you several years ago for a short time typing data on the Kijzly. The photography was wonderful and the color simply beautiful. It was very well done. Also recognized one of the graduate students (Hood) - I suppose he has his M.A. now & is teaching.

you looked real cute.

Sincerely,

Mrs Kay Carlett
W 2115 Riverside, apt 4
Spokane, Wash.

November 22, 1967

Mr. James J. Brett
Northeastern High School
Manchester, Pennsylvania

Dear James:

Thank you for your very nice letter. It is always a great pleasure to learn that one's work is appreciated.

I was particularly interested to learn that you are carrying out some research on predatory birds along the Susquehanna River. Both Frank and I spent a good many years checking peregrine nests in that area. I would be interested to know if there are still birds in some of the old eyries on the Susquehanna.

There is a real need to gather population data on raptors in specific areas. Work such as you are doing is greatly needed. Keep up the good work!

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

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November 2, 1967

Dr. John Craighead
Professor of Ecology
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University of Montana
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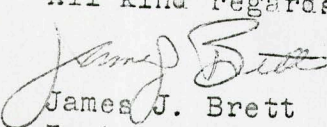
Dear Dr. Craighead:

We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to you, your brother, and your families for helping to preserve something which is cherished by us all. Your enduring work in the field helps to make our instruction alot more meaningful to our students.

You may be interested to know that our ecology club members our carry-ing out research into the ecology of the predatory birds along the Susquehanna River in York County, Pennsylvania. We have secured a federal banding permit and a sizable allocation from our school board to support our work.

Thankyou again for your deep devotion to our natural heritage.

All kind regards,


James J. Brett (for the Ecology Club of Northeastern High School)
Instructor of Ecology
Northeastern High School
Manchester, Pennsylvania

November 22, 1967

Mr. Gerard A. Hoddenbach
P. O. Box 495
CETO/UCLS
Mercury, Nevada 89023

Dear Gerard:

Thank you very much for your very fine congratulatory letter. I did appreciate hearing from you and learning your reaction to the film. Both Frank and I have had some concern as to how the film might be received by the scientific community. The response has been far better than we dared hope for and your letter, among others, has been most welcome and most reassuring.

I hope that you will eventually be able to get into the field of wildlife biology. I was sorry to learn the problems you are having and am certainly sympathetic with your. Far too much stress is placed on academic accomplishments and not enough on field experience and accomplishments.

I imagine you are aware of the fact that all the Units are hiring assistant Unit leaders with federal funds recently appropriated. Unfortunately, the job requirements practically stipulate a Ph.D. At this institution the University went on record as also requiring candidates having a Ph.D. degree. This I feel is unfortunate as it will rule out many able men who otherwise would have qualified.

Just in case you have not seen the job description, I am enclosing a copy. I hope that something works out for you in the near future.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024

2 November 1967

Dr. John J. Craighead
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

Dear Dr. Craighead:

Last night I had the extreme pleasure to view the National Geographic Society's presentation that you and your brother prepared for television. I feel very compelled to immediately express my congratulations to you for a very interesting and informative story. I have often thought that biological research in demography and life history would be very well received by the lay public via the television media and would furthermore be of great benefit towards an increased awareness of basic biological concepts -- as well as helping to gain support for our plea of wildlife and wilderness protection.

Your presentation did exactly this. My family was entirely engrossed by your story and further acclaim has been registered from many others I am acquainted with -- scientists and non-scientists alike. We all join in hoping that National Geographic will soon again sponsor another of your works for national viewing audiences.

Almost a year has passed since I last wrote to you. I am still very interested in finding a position where it would be possible to work with wildlife species. Since my last letter, I have had considerable communication with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and with the Utah Cooperative Unit in Provo. I find, to my dismay, that my recorded academic training meets the requirements for Research Wildlife Biologist positions with the Service -- except for nine semester hours in the field of wildlife biology (i.e. mammalogy, ornithology, wildlife management, population dynamics, etc.). Although I feel quite confidently that my experience during the last five years as well as my interest to work with the Service should offset my deficiency in transcript prerequisites, I fear that I must contend myself with entering the Service from the "back door", so to speak.

Although I have taken this opportunity to again express my interests in case you know of potential openings which would help me to progress towards my goal, I mainly wanted to thank you for your TV presentation.

Very cordially yours,

Gerard A. Hoddenbach
Gerard A. Hoddenbach

November 22, 1967

Mr. Robert C. Hendon
REA Express
219 E. 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Bob:

Thanks so much for your extremely nice letter concerning our TV show. Appreciation such as yours makes the work worth while.

I too am sorry that I missed seeing you on Homecoming weekend. I had returned to Missoula for a few days prior to returning to Yellowstone to put the grizzly bears to bed for the winter. Next time I see you, I'll tell you about the tussle that Derek and I had with the four "punks". I hope the University will take appropriate action because this type of student does not belong on our campus and if they are not properly reprimanded, this type of behavior will most certainly increase.

I have a number of very fine pictures of you as well as other members of the Grizzly Riders I took last summer. I have simply been too busy to sort through the slides but I intend to do so in the near future and will send you some for duplication. A number of the Grizzly Riders have asked me for copies of pictures I took.

Perhaps the best way to handle this would be for me to make a selection of 30 or 40 of the best pictures and have them duplicated for all of those who have expressed an interest. I am sure you would be interested in some of the photographs of the other Grizzly Riders as well as those that I got of you.

Let me know your reaction to this suggestion and I'll try to work something out with Tom Collins.

Again, many thanks for your kind letter.

Sincerely,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

REA EXPRESS

219 East 42nd Street

New York 10017

Robert C. Hendon
Vice President, Industry Affairs

November 2, 1967

Dr. John Craighead
Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59801

Dear John:

The television program last night was absolutely superb! It left nothing to be desired and was a perfect example of what good programming on television might accomplish. Your own participation and that of Frank's and your lovely families added much to the production.

I only hope that it will be repeated in the future with appropriate publicity so that those who were unfortunate enough to have missed it last night will have another opportunity, and I am so advising CBS. Incidentally, I was interviewed on one of the CBS television "special reports" programs dealing with firearms legislation, which was shown three years ago. When I returned East from our Grizzly ride the year before last people were telling me they enjoyed seeing me on television that Sunday. They had repeated the program while we were on our ride without ever giving any advance word to me or other participants.

Not only do I have you to thank for the television program, but I have also completed reading your report on your studies of the Management of Bears in Yellowstone National Park, which you so kindly had your secretary send to me with her note of August 8. It too was fascinating reading and I am passing it on to several friends who are interested. Likewise, the Golden Eagle article in the National Geographic for September came up to your usual quality. This was particularly interesting to me since my family once owned a ranch halfway

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between Livingston and Chico Hot Springs on the Yellowstone, which I judge from the shaded area on the map showing your research area would have covered our ranch. Congratulations for your great contribution to ecology and the preservation of some of these grand species.

I am sorry that I did not have a chance for a good visit while attending Homecoming last month. I noted in the Sunday Missoulian of October 22, the morning we left on the North Coast Limited the article concerning the difficulty Derek, his friend and you had with the four punks which were being prosecuted. It is difficult to understand some of our young people and old insofar as that goes these days.

Please give my best to Frank and I do hope that both of you might be with us at our meeting next Fall and our ride which right now seems to be headed for Sheep Meadows.

Sincerely,

Bob

P.S. You were taking pictures on our ride this year as we came over the wall via the goat trail and walked down the far side. As I recall, you turned your horse loose and cut across the trail taking these pictures. If by any chance you have a slide or two of these, I would like to borrow them for duplication to include among the many pictures which I took on the trip.

November 22, 1967

Mr. John W. Watzek, Jr.
80 E. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear John:

Thanks so much for your complimentary and enthusiastic letter concerning our TV program. Making a film such as GRIZZLY is a tremendous amount of work, but it makes it all worth while when people like you received so much pleasure in viewing it.

It was certainly nice of you to write such a laudatory letter to Frank Stanton, president of CBS. I want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your interest. Who knows - perhaps we will be making another TV show for the National Geographic in the near future. They are quite interested in doing one on Wild Rivers.

Margaret, Derek, Karen, and Johnny all send their best wishes. We hope that you will be coming west again some time in the near future and will stop by for a visit.

Derek received your nice letter commenting on his work and was very appreciative of it. Perhaps I can get him to get a letter off to you.

Frank's address is Box 156, Moose, Wyoming, 83012.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

*I found - His letter was forwarded
previously*

November 22, 1967

Mr. G. M. Brandborg
715 S. Third Street
Hamilton, Montana

Dear Brandy:

I certainly appreciated the nice letter you wrote to President Pantzer concerning our TV special GRIZZLY. I was happy to learn that you and Ruth enjoyed it so much.

Nationwide, the reaction to the film has been amazing. My desk is piled high with letters that will have to be answered. Right now I wonder how I'll get it all done, but it is rewarding to know that the conservation message got across to the TV viewers so well and that it was so enthusiastically received.

I have re-read your statement and I like it better each time I read it. Please give it wide distribution.

Margaret and I are looking forward to seeing you and Ruth once I get settled down into a routine again.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

Frank

715 South Third Street
Hamilton, Montana
November 3, 1967

Robert Pantzer, President
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

Dear Mr. Pantzer:

Mrs. Brandberg and I viewed with real satisfaction Doctors John and Frank Craighead's research program depicting management and preservation of the grizzly bear.

It was an excellent presentation. It was particularly good, we thought, in its demonstrating how research can be applied not only to wild life but to other natural resources.

All Montanans, but especially you and the other members of the faculty should be proud to have such an eminent and widely recognized scientist as Dr. John Craighead as member of the faculty of the University.

The fact that the National Geographic is providing financial assistance to the research program and that the Encyclopedia Britannica sponsored the outstanding presentation, in my judgment, indicates his status in the world at large.

I hope the abilities demonstrated by this presentation are drawn upon by the University to guide and stimulate similar services by members of the Natural Resource Management faculty. Producing such "wares" is the best way I know to win public financial support for the many good things that the University has to offer.

Sincerely,

G. M. Brandberg

November 22, 1967

Mr. Robert Doyle
Chief, Television
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Bob:

Frank and I have received many fine comments and congratulations on GRIZZLY and I know that you have too. I want to take this opportunity to say that you and Mel Payne deserve much of the credit for the success of GRIZZLY. You recognized the kind of show the television public would respond to and Irwin Rosten did a masterful job in carrying out your ideas and concepts. Frank and I have been very happy with the results. There is no question that the show not only provided entertainment but also successfully carried a conservation message. Please extend my thanks and congratulations to Dennis Kane and other members of the National Geographic staff who helped to produce GRIZZLY.

I have just returned from several weeks tracking grizzly bears in Yellowstone and my desk is piled high with letters and telegrams that somehow I must find time to answer. At the moment it seems like an almost insurmountable task, but once I get back into the routine of the paper work I am sure that I can get the job accomplished.

Frank and I are still planning on trying to work something out with you on the Wild Rivers program. The only thing holding us back is the tremendous backlog of work that has piled up for both of us.

We will be looking forward to seeing the other TV shows and I am sure they will all be as well received as GRIZZLY.

Again, congratulations!

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

cc Dr. Melvin Payne

November 22, 1967

Mr. Fred W. Packard
4058 Elizabeth Lane
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Fred:

Frank and I have received many congratulatory letters on GRIZZLY but none that I appreciated as much as the one from you.

Both Frank and I were hesitant about allowing the National Geographic Society to portray our family life on TV. We had no concerns about the scientific work but we felt that the message we hoped to put across by bringing our families into the picture might be misunderstood and severely criticized by the scientific community. In spite of our qualms we decided that much could be gained if we could get the proper message across to the television public. Your letter has been most reassuring. What you saw in the movie is what we hoped to convey.

I do want to thank you for expressing your thoughts and reactions so nicely. One letter such as yours makes all the work and effort that went into GRIZZLY worth while. I want to thank you again for both Frank and myself and our families.

I hope that some time our paths will cross again out here in the west - preferably on some mountain top and we can take up where we left off on Specimen Mountain in 1940.

Kindest personal regards,

John J. Craighead

JJC:AB

P.S. Thanks for the Washington Post review.

FRED M. PACKARD
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November 2, 1967

Dear Frank and John:

I am writing to congratulate you on an extraordinarily fine film, which Jean, Jeannie and I enjoyed on television last night. You will be pleased, I am sure, by the enclosed review in this morning's Washington Post.

We were impressed, naturally, by the professional excellence of your work with grizzlies and other Yellowstone wildlife -- but knowing how you work, I recognize it simply carries on the standards you have always set for yourselves. Remembering, too, the conversation we had together on the rim of Specimen Mountain in 1940, when we first met, I can see that your dedication to the welfare of the wild populations of the earth has changed only that it has grown with the years.

What impressed us most was the portrait the film presents of the best in the tradition of the American family and of the success that can be achieved in raising children to be self-reliant and to learn their one-ness with the natural world about them. The empathy and family relationships shown here need more frequent expression, for actually I am confident that to a greater or lesser degree most Americans do share your attitudes and ethics. A friend, commenting on his reactions to the program, paid you a pleasant compliment: he said you represented that ideal of full achievement which has come to be known as the Renaissance Man.

Thank you for a most unusual experience.

Sincerely yours



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Radio and Television

A Fine Study of 2 Naturalists



By
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REVIEW. The unhurried quality of a National Geographic Special (CBS, Channel 9) gives a special appeal to these infrequent programs. The themes and subject matter is always timeless with no effort made to demand or command attention.

The specials do very well in the ratings, however, and this is probably because the viewers have come to expect superior production, sound research and solid scholarship.

Last night's program, "Grizzly!" suffered only from a misleading title. The use of that word and the exclamation point led many to expect a program of violence, combat and gore. Instead, those who went past the title found superb color photography and a well told story of two remarkable men.

Frank Craighead Jr. and his identical twin brother, John, grew up in the Washington suburb of Chevy Chase. Their father was chief of the Division of Forest Insect Studies at the Department of Agriculture. The brothers earned Ph.D. degrees in Ecology, which is the study of the relationship between organisms and their environment.

FOR THE PAST 20 years, the Craigheads have lived in homes they built in Wyoming's Grand Tetons, near Jackson Hole. They are scientists of the wilderness and what came through most strongly in this documentary is their love of the wilderness and wild animals.

The research they have done on the grizzly bear (*Ursus horribilis*) may prove helpful to man and to his scientific progress. But a better reason for their work was

credited to John's daughter, Karen.

When Karen was 12 years old, someone asked her: "Why bother? What good is a grizzly anyway?" Her answer: "We want to save the grizzly because when he's gone, he's gone forever. And we can't make another one."

Working with the grizzly, it turned out, is only one of the projects pursued by the brothers Craighead. They're also concerned about the disappearing golden eagle, the predatory hawks, the Canada goose and Yellowstone National Park's overpopulation of elk.

The best scenes, I thought, concerned the two Craighead family. They live happy, busy and independent lives. I also especially liked the scenes of the two muscular and fit brothers as they fished the wild river and fought rapids.

"RIVERS," said John Craighead, "are fragile things, easily destroyed by man. A truly wild river is precious. Only a few still exist in America. Hopefully, we can save these few for future generations to enjoy."

The work in Yellowstone and the teaching of college

students by each of the brothers would be motivation enough for most men. John had still another reason and it furnished the conclusion of the program:

"All creatures, including man, exhibit some common behavior, traits deeply rooted in animal instinct and animal drive. So as we strive to know ourselves and to understand our own behavior, we find there is much we can learn by studying other animal life; whether it be mice or grizzly bears."

With all the phony, dramatic heroics that abound in television, it was a treat to watch the self-sufficient, purposeful brothers at work. The National Geographic Society deserves credit, too, for showing the joyful activity of the men and their families.

November 22, 1967

Mr. J. J. Wuerthner, Jr.
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Dear J.J.:

Thanks for your nice comments on our TV show and also for Bob Williams' review from the New York Post.

Incidentally, I was looking through the photographs I took on our trip this summer and I have an excellent one of you dining on the rare Echo Mountain trout. I'll send it on to you and you can have a copy struck off - or possibly I will get together a number of pictures I took and send them around so that any of the Grizzly Riders who want copies can have them made up.

Many thanks for your kind letter.

Most sincerely,

John J. Craighead

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November 3, 1967

Dr. John Craighead,
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Dear John:

What a great TV show. It will probably
be the finest special of the season.

Thought you would be interested in the
TV review of Bob Williams of the New York
POST. A most interesting suggestion, don't
you think?

All good regards.

Cordially yours,

J. J. Wuerthner Jr.
President



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By BOB WILLIAMS

The CBS series of National Geographic Society "specials" opened a new TV "season" last night with the story of twin-brother scientists Frank and John Craighead and their dedication to saving the nation's wildlife from extinction. The major subject was the grizzly bear population of Yellowstone Park, now down to about a thousand and losing space by the year to the human population explosion.

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No one, it was pointed out during the hour, is going to make another grizzly bear or another golden eagle or any of a thousand other species of wild-life threatened with extinction. The brothers Craighead and families were shown in their long-settled wilderness paradise near Jackson Hole, Wyo., examining predatory birds for the effects of society's pesticides and taming them in the process.

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The Craighead brothers and their lifelong endeavors seemed somehow more deserving of a weekly TV series than a single TV "special" in their dedication to preserving what's left of the dying wildlife. No species except man, we were reminded, has ever wiped out another species.

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November 22, 1967

Mr. John H. Dieterich
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Dear Jack:

I want to thank you for your nice letter and I am indeed happy that you enjoyed the National Geographic special GRIZZLY. It was a lot of work but a great satisfaction in making the film, but the real pleasure has come in receiving so many congratulatory letters from friends and colleagues. Such letters made our work seem even more worth while.

I haven't yet had a chance to read the article in Sports Illustrated on the Glacier Park grizzly bear incidents this summer. The Park released very little concrete information on the incidents. I have written to get a full official report but it will probably be some time before this is made available.

From what I do know, however, I am afraid that the incidents were the result of poor management. At least one of the bears involved had been encouraged to come to the chalet and was literally hand fed. The girls, as well as visitors, had been encouraged during the summer to sleep out on the ground in the area where these grizzlies were purposely attracted to food. It was inevitable that a catastrophe such as this would eventually occur.

My hope is that the truth will come out and the situation in Glacier rectified.

Kindest regards to you and your family.

Very sincerely,

John J. Craighead

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Dear John:

Just a note to let you know how very much Mary and I enjoyed the National Geographic Special TV program on your Grizzly Bear project. This was an excellent supplement to the program you and Frank presented in Washington and we especially enjoyed the informal shots of your family in Jackson Hole, and the touch on falconry!

I don't think I need to tell you John, but you have what seems to me to be the ideal job in the very best part of the country! The work you're doing must give you a tremendous sense of satisfaction, and I'm sure no one is more appreciative of your efforts than Mary and I!

Last spring when Florida was so hopelessly involved in one of their most severe periods of drought in history, I made a trip down to get better acquainted with the fire control problems in this unique area. It was a good time to go! There were fires burning everywhere--the largest of them on unprotected land north of Everglades National Park. I spent two days at the Park and thoroughly enjoyed a morning with your father learning something of plant communities, ecology, and effects of fire on some of the various cover types. It was a rewarding experience. They are doing some excellent work in using prescribed fire to maintain a pine type that might otherwise gradually disappear. Your father's energy and enthusiasm was contagious and I went away with a renewed interest in my own job.

I can't help but wonder how the tragic coincident in Glacier Park this past summer fits in with what you have learned about *Ursus horribilis*--and how well the recent article that appeared in Sports Illustrated magazine describes the situation. Perhaps sometime in the future we'll have a chance to discuss it.

Our very best regards to you and your family, and best wishes for your continued success in your important research.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN H. DIETERICH

