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Mr. W. B. Potter
Eastman Kodak Company
343 State Street
Rochester 4, New York

Dear Pete:

An old friend of mine, and an old timer, Leonard Conklin, was up on the island of Kodiak many years ago. Mr. Eastman was up there too, and Len made this picture of him. Mr. Eastman didn't want to be photographed, and, as you can see, turned his back to the camera.

Len tells a funny story about this picture. He tramped for a week all over the island to get himself a bear -- which was a puny one. He says that while Mr. Eastman was on his boat just off shore, he saw this bear. He got in a canoe with his guide, and without practically setting foot on shore made his kill. I don't know whether Mr. Eastman or the guide killed the bear. He was a huge bear weighing close to two thousand pounds.

The point of the story is that Len tramped all over the island for a week to shoot his puny bear, while Mr. Eastman got his tremendous one with practically no effort at all -- never even changing from his city clothes.

My friend has the original print. If you want a copy negative made, you can have it.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Potter, W. B.