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Dear Mr. Ravi Shankaran,

you must be surprised to receive my letter. I am writing to you to congratulate you on the most fantastic and ultimate photos of the Florican that you have clicked. I wanted to do so when we met personally; but, I was not quite sure and did not want to put my foot into my mouth. Tell me, ~~how~~ how did you manage them? I have declared you as my 'guru' for photography, and this compels you to give me some tips regarding photography. What camera, lens and film do you use? Do you always use any filters and your flash for creating any special effects? Send me a copy of your Florican (as it appeared on the cover of the Annual Report), if you can. Do you think my photos can be accepted for any magazine, etc.? Tell me something to improve my photography. Are you going out on an outing sometime in the near future, say for 4-7 days? I'd like to join you and learn a

few valuable things from you, if you may allow me to do so. I'd be most glad to accompany you. If possible can we go to Sailana, say in July or August? (since you know everything about it, you will be the best guide and teacher) I am planning to join the research team from Wildlife Institute, Dehra Dun, in their project 'Ecology of the wolf' at Nanaj, Solapur. I have written to the research chief for permission. Would you like me to inform you if I find any leers, etc.? Nanaj also has a population of 50-60 GIBustard in July. It'll be great then. Do you suggest me any people to contact, to distribute my photos? I'll pen up now, because I have to be in my hospital wards now. I am waiting very eagerly for your reply and photos.

Yours sincerely,

*M. P. S.*

PS could you identify the bird of prey which I clicked at Kaziranga?

pps If you come to Poona by chance, do call me at 321324! What's your address & phone no.?