

April 14, 1934.

My Herbert Putnam,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Putnam:-

Your letter with its exciting contents came yesterday. Of-course I am delighted that you wish to keep the prints up until the last of the month. And you wish to purchase so great a part of the Yucatan prints is wonderful news indeed. I shall return to Chichen Itza on the proceeds as soon as weather conditions and season permit to finish the series which will be in the late fall after the rainy season is over.

That the Library takes so great an interest in Photography is a most wonderful encouragement and stimulation, and that you consider my own personal efforts worthy of your permanent collections fills me not only with pride, but also with a new zest and desire to improve and widen my scope. I can not tell you what this encouragement means particularly in these times when it is hard to keep an even keel.

I shall await with eagerness, your choice of prints and to know what you and Dr. Holland have selected. When you make your selection please return the remainder to me at your convenience,

I shall not attempt a further route for the rest of the prints, until I replace those you keep and add some others.

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Abbott have returned from Washington and tell me that the most enjoyable time they had was lunching at your "Round Table".

This brings my best wishes to you as always, and again my most sincere thanks for your interest and belief in me,

Most sincerely yours,