



EL ESCALANTE HOTEL

CEDAR CITY • UTAH

Gateway to

BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
ZION NATIONAL PARK • CEDAR BREAKS
KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

1st December '37

Dear Miss Gilpin

I have spent two busy days. I arrived at Cedar City about 9.30 yesterday morning and the hotel manager at once asked me if it was I that the Agent had telephoned about from Salt Lake City and brought the U.P. Agent who, he said, would fix up all details for me. The result was that I decided to go on right away to Bryce, stay there two days and then on to Zion for two days. The trip up Cedar Canyon and on is one of the finest mountain journeys I have ever experienced. We went up to Cedar Breaks, spent a little time there and got to Bryce about 2 o'clock. It was a lovely day and I got some work done with subjects suited to afternoon light. It was cold in the night, 6° above zero, but it was clear and cloudless this morning. I got out and worked busily with 4 cameras and the able assistance of my chauffeur a very fine young Mormon. After lunch we went down one of the trails into the depths of the Canyon and got further impressions. About the middle of the afternoon it clouded up and my companions

feared a storm but weather prophets seem more optimistic. I am staying at Ruby's Inn, rather rough and primitive compared to city hotels but passable. Tomorrow we are making an early start for the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and then come back to Zion. I have booked my reservations back East for Sunday. I hope my luck in weather holds for the next three days and I can depart happy. My only regret now is that I didn't bring some more Dufay films with me as I am running short.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

J. Dudley Johnston
