

February 3, 1941.

Mr. Walter Prescott,
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Dear Mr. Prescott:-

You will recall that last September we were in communication regarding possible books of Southwest material and that I wrote you regarding "THE STORY OF THE SOUTHWEST IN PICTURES". an undertaking which I have been working on for many years.

At long last it is nearly ready. It is, I believe, finished, but before I send it in I want to send it down to Santa Fe to Mr. Jesse Nusbaum, chief archaeologist for the National Park Service, formerly Superintendent of Mesa Verde, for his final O.K. on all the archaeological information contained in the text which I want to be up to the minute an information.

I have made quite a few changes in this series, deleting some of the older and less good photographs and substituting my new Acoma series which I feel greatly strengthens the photographic quality of the book. The accompanying text is short but scientifically and historically accurate.

In view of the stimulation in interest that will surely be aroused by the Indian exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art in New York opening next month, this spring would be an ideal time for the appearance of such a book if you consider it worth the doing, which I most earnestly hope you will.

I should have it all back in a week or ten days at the most and will send it in at once.

In the mean time I am preparing the few photographs I have of Bryce and Zion Canyons with the thought of possibly continuing this as soon as weather permits.

I have many responses on the Northwest Guide Book and again wish tell you how delighted I am over the reproductions, specially the Navaho Silver-smith.

A number of my Indian pictures are to appear in U.S. Camera Magazine sometime this spring which might be a help for the possible book.

With many thanks for your interest, I am

Very truly yours,