

August 21, 1941

Mr. Walter Frese,
Hastings House,
67 West 44th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Frese:

The additional pages of MS and five more photographs are off to you in today's mail. I did not mean to be so long in writing these pages but found it a difficult task to make them fit in well with the rest, and work up to the end of the book.

You have several of the Acoma photographs in your possession but I am sending also another view of Acoma Mesa as it is approached by the valley road. Then two photographs of the Mission, the one with the Convento is my preference as a picture even though it does not show the length of the church proper. As an alternative I send the rear of the church made for the Taylor Museum in 1938.

The picture of the pueblo from the convento to go on page 74 could be used or not, as you see fit. As an alternative here, either the Indian man by the ladder which you have, or the old woman could be used on this page.

Also I send a second picture of the Water Hole for you to see and use if you wish.

I have been undecided about the final picture - the picture of the nude Indian with the outstretched arm, which is the final picture in the original set. As I believe I wrote you Mr. Reed was critical of this as it was a Navajo who posed for me, however, this picture is much more symbolic and less personal than any other in the series. When I know your layout plans perhaps that will help make the decision. This might be used in a small reproduction as a real tailpiece. In the meantime I have written to Mr. Nussbaum to get his opinion on this and will let you know the minute I hear from him.

I believe that everything else explains itself both with the pictures and in the MS., and you will find the pages renumbered to fit with your copy.

In going over the carbon of my original, I find a name misspelled in the preface. Line 12 should read Postlethwaite (the "t" having been omitted in the copying).

I am very anxious to see your layout and hope that you will find that you can use the full set of Acoma. If there is a choice of the two Water Hole pictures, my preference is the one already sent to you rather than the one included today, though they could both be used if space permits.

Hoping that I have not delayed this too long and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

No 1 Shpreck

~~2 Acana House~~

3 " Pebbles (figures)

~~4 The Ladder~~

5 Acana Family

~~6 The Water Hole (over top)~~

7 Water Hole

8 Acana The Sky City

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- 1 Acana The Sky City
 - 2 Pebbles & Figures
 - 3 Acana Family
 - 4 Water Hole
 - 5 Old Hammer