

April 20, 1944.

Mr. Samuel Sloan,
Duell, Sloan & Pearce, Inc.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Sloan:-

Your kind letter of April 7th came some days ago and I have been hoping to answer it every day. I if you know what it is to be a photographer in a Defense Plant working plenty hard for nine to ten hours a day, you will, I know, pardon my delay.

I appreciate your interest in both possible books and I am well aware of the difficulties involved at present in fine reproduction. George Putnam was so kindly interested in my efforts and so insistant in sending you the Navaho book that I let him have it even though I do not consider it yet ready for publication. Miss Forster, as you know from the text spent two years down there as a field nurse. Her work was to me remarkable and her ability to understand the Indians and win their co-operation was extraordinary. The letters are genuine. I had saved all that she wrote to me, her sister had done the same, also a cousin. After she left I persuaded her to gather this material together, delete all personal matters and arrange the letters in good sequence. I do not feel that my end of it is yet finished. I need several top notch landscapes, several more good portraits, some better sheep pictures, a squaw dance series, and a sand painting if I can manage it. This need not take long long once I am free to do it.

It would be a great pleasure to co-operate in any way with Bobby Jones on the Central City book. He is of-course the one to do it as far as the threatre goes. Perhaps I could do an historical background as I am only a native daughter, but Gilpin County was named a relative of mine, the First Territorial Governor Colorado.

At present I am so submerged in photograph building of B 29 Bombers that all other mat remote. However, we hope the B 29 will that ill help shorten the war. My interesting and some day may see the the time of release comes.

Will you kindly return the man address at your convience. Agai interest and I hope the day may co return to the things we want to do.

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