

P.O.Box 1173

Feb. 17,
1947.

Mr. Gordon M. Wilbur,
N.W.Ayer & Son
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wilbur:-

I sincerely hope that you have realized that for some reason I did not receive your letter.. It went to my old address in Colorado Springs and must have been delivered to my cousins there instead of being forwarded to me here, as I note a forwarding address in my cousins handwriting. This caused just enough delay to mis me here before I left for a three weeks trip to Texas and Mexico. On my return last night I found your letter back here after being again forwarded to me en route and missing for second time. It is of-course too late to send you anything and I am very sorry. I have both black and white and kodachrome things which I believe would have suited your purpose.

Shorty after seeing you in Philadelphia I obtained contracts for two new books. One for Hastings House which is finished and in their hands now, and another, larger book for Duell, Sloan & Pearce. This one I hope to

have finished by May first. After that I shall have my shingle out again. As this latter book has required headquarters in Santa Fe, I have been here for over a year and I believe that I shall stay. I intend to try it out and see what sort of a living I can earn here. So if in the future you are again in need of anything from this part of the world, I shall be most happy to make it for you.

As both of my new books are black and white, I have done little in color since the war but shall be getting back into it very soon.

Regretting the incidents leading to the delay in receiving your letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,