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Brigadier General H.M. Montague,
Sandia Base,
Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear General Montague:-

This morning I have received a letter from Mr. Carroll L. Tyler of Los Alamos regarding a special photograph which I have long wished to make at TRINITY. He writes that he has sent you a copy of his letter to me, but does not say if he is also including my letter of explanation to him. This photograph is for an illustration for a book of photographs, the story of the Rio Grande. I have been most anxious to include one picture showing the Jornada del Muerto with the TRINITY crater in the foreground. From the descriptions several friends have given me, I believe that by going up the slope of one of the nearby mountains, and by the use of a long focal length lens, I can obtain what I want. I want either very early morning light or late afternoon light. Probably the latter for that would be somewhat against the sun which is also what I want. This is purely pictorial, in no way scientific, matter.

Should you wish me to come to Albuquerque first to show the manuscript and some of the prints for this book, and to work out the best time schedule, I shall be happy to do so. The book is being published by Duell, Sloan & Pearce, Inc. and is due out early next year.

If there is any further information you wish from me, I shall be very happy to furnish it.

Very truly yours,