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Dear Mr. Fenner:-

At very long last RIO GRANDE, RIVER OF DESTINY IS IN manufacture. There are many reasons for the long delay but all of them have built for a better book. Publication date is September 22nd, Duell, Sloan & Pearce Inc. publishers. I am here in New York checking on plates, 221 of them and causing some added gray hairs to the two engraving firms doing the work! They are being most cooperative and on the whole the plates so far finished are very satisfactory though they have had trouble retaining some of my delicate skies, and delicate light tones.

A few days ago, I talked with Mr. Goodwin about a possible article and excerpts from the book for you for Popular Photography. I shall be glad to do an article for you about the photographic making of the book and give you a selection of prints for your gravure section if you would be interested to have it. I am planning a traveling show, already booked at several museums, entirely of work in the book. This collection contains prints from 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 to 16 x 20. In the case of the latter, I have selected about eight or ten landscapes which because of their scale and scope should be this size. You may recall that I have strong feeling about the size of enlargements in relation to the subject matter. I have this show here with me now and the reaction to it has been very encouraging. I wish it were possible for me to return to New Mexico via Chicago, but I must go to Virginia to pay some family visits on my way home. However, I hope to be on again before too long.

I shall be here until June 21st, and if this finds you in Chicago and interested in this possibility, I shall be happy to hear from you.

With the best of wishes and the hope that you haven't forgotten this silent voice from the desert-

Very sincerely

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