

Tlaquepaque, Jalisco
March 9, 1950

Dear Laura;

I picked up your letter on our way through Mexico City and I had to delay answering because we have been on the move ever since. The four-wheel drive Jeep station-wagon has gotten us into all sorts of places we would never have tried without it. It also got John and Claire Evans through some too. We picked them up in Taxco and motored together to a place 160 miles above Acapulco which was fascinating. One thing you should know is that the present four cylinder motor is not powerful enough for the mountain country we have been over and you would probably want to cover. It will get you through and over everything because of the low tractor gears but you have to change gears all the time on hills which gets annoying. The Willy people, realising this, are coming out in April or later with a new four-cylinder 73 horse-power motor instead of the present 63 horse-power one which should do the trick. I know it will be worth your while to wait for this. Also if you are operating in high altitudes it is very worthwhile to get the high altitude head on your car which uses more gas but gives you the power in the high altitudes. We had ours pretty well loaded but I think I may have them put one of the new motors in when they come out. Otherwise the car has got everything I want.

Time is running so very short I don't think I'm going to be able to get to Santa Fe. I am a little confused about the Navajo book as the decision must have been made right after I left and nothing has been written about it to me. I have asked for more information to reach me in Tucson, where we will be staying at The Ghost Ranch Lodge. We will be there on the 13th but for only two days, perhaps I can call you from there if I get a letter from the office. There seems to be something funny about Cap writing you and saying nothing to me but it may be all explained later. But I am glad we are doing it. I hope to be back in the office on the 22nd.

Best,

Willy