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My dear Mrs. Anderson:-

Here at long last are your portraits made on the best silver paper. I went out to Santa Cruz yesterday thinking you must be there and found that you had not yet arrived. Very sorry to hear that your son-in-law has been ill, and I hope he is well on the road to recovery by the time this reaches you.

I found your place looking lovely by comparison with here in town. You have had more rain than we and we more than parts west. The drought out on the Navaho reservation is terrible. Your man was much distressed over the damage from the hail storm, but I believe the garden will recover quickly.

This long delay on the chemical seems incredible. I have been in correspondence with Mallinkrodt about it. First they wrote to order through the local camera store, they the store,--after a month's delay received an answer to order through a chemical house in Albuquerque! I still want to make those hand coated platins. In the package you will find the one print I made which is not satisfactory. The blacks are no good which is the cause of the improper chemical. I think to silver prints have worked out nicely and you have two more coming to you for the sitting. I will send them as soon as I know which you wish in duplicate.

Am off for Navaho land the end of the week, will be back Sept. 7th and hope to find you here. With best wishes,