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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Henbest:-

Your very nice letters came day before yesterday and it is hard to tell you how very much I appreciate all that you have done in my behalf. I have heard about the show from several sources and all have spoken of how beautifully you hung the prints. Letters from two perfect strangers, a long letter from Shirley O'Hara and now these from you. I know only too well all the time and work that went into this and I do so appreciate your doing it. Now, it would give me very great pleasure to send you a print as a token of appreciation and esteem. I would rather send you your own choice, so will you be good enough to let me know which that is? And will you tell Mrs. Johnston that I do appreciate a word from her and that I hope someday to see her prints at first hand. I have heard a lot about her. She reminds me of Mrs. Kaesabier. I hope I will still have much pep when I am 87!

I am sorry that the out of town members of family were unable to come. I heard from Isabella Gilpin direct and did not know that she is spending the winter in Baltimore. I hope that Howard Allen was there. As he lives in Alexandria, I think he may have been there. He is very intersted in photography and is doing some work. I did not know that Dr. Tumbleson died last winter. They were here in Santa Fe about ^{two} years ago but at a time whena I was away so I have never seen them.

I shall be only too glad to send (or perhaps bring) a Navaho show when it is ready. I have a great deal yet to do and only a year to do it in. I shall not be able to get east again until April of 1952 when I will go to New York to check plates etc. I shall certainly come through Washington then and we can talk over such a plan. It will be some time in 1953 before I have a show ready to go out. It will probably go up out here at time the book comes out, and then be ready for the road.

This brings my very best wishes and again my heartfelt thanks for all your effort. And please tell me which print you would like to have, for I shall send you one and I would rather have you tell me which is your choice.

Most sincerely