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Dr. Clyde Kluckhohn,
Ramah, New Mexico.

Dear Dr. Kluckhohn:-

I am wondering if you are in New Mexico or if you are still in Cambridge. In any event I trust that this will reach you in the near future.

Since I had that very nice talk with you last summer, work has progressed on my Navaho book, but far too slowly. There have been many contributing factors to this, the chief one being the fact that it seems to take practically all my time to earn the necessary existence with so little left over that I have been badly handicapped. I have just recently heard that the Viking Fund is again making grants, and I am wondering if I may remind you that you told me that you would be glad to recommend me for one. This would be a tremendous help and give me the free time to complete the work in the next ten months which I must somehow do. I am bothering you to the extent of asking the best method of procedure.

I am hoping to get over to the reservation again in the next ten days or two weeks for a trip of about the same duration. I am finding it best to make short trips and then come home to process the work, and then go out again to a different part of the reservation. I should and hope to spend the summer and fall in this manner of work. A \$1500. grant would see me thorough nicely as I now have a good station wagon which makes travel, equipment carrying and camping easy. This was a necessity following the ridiculous accident I had in August when my trailer was hit from behind, demolishing the trailer and seriously damaging my old car.

Sometime during the summer and at your convenience, I hope I may again stop by to see you and the talk over some aspects of Navaho life and mythology. I have found two references to Mt. Baldy in Colorado, (near Mt. Blanca) as the Navaho East Mountain. I wonder what you think of this.

Hoping that this finds you well, and that I may have the pleasure of another visit this summer, I am

Sincerely yours,