

July 18, 1951

Mr. Jack Snow,
Window Rock, N.M.

Dear Jack:-

A hasty line to inform you that I had a "loss" while attending a squaw dance west of Redrock (near Shiprock) last week. I had left the camera set up and ready for use in the car not 75 feet away while I showed pictures to a woman with whom I wanted to work. I went go in to all the details now but a few minutes later I missed the camera and immediately started the good old grapevine going that I had lost it and offered a \$10. reward. I hesitated to go any higher than that. The Navaho police came out to the dance later in the afternoon and I reported to them that I had lost it. When I went through Shiprock the next day, I enquired but no luck. I dont want to get any Navaho boy into trouble and I am sure you will understand my "loosing it". Fortunately it was insured, but I must report its loss around the nearby points as it may come in somewhere. I dont think many people but you and I have Medalists! It had the plate back on and one holder with shtachrome film in it. Also my polar screen and lens hood and cable release.

I just want you to know about it as I know how news does get about on the reservation. I was working at the scene of the dance with perfect friendliness and good will of the medicine men and many Navahos whom I knew there from years past.

I have reported this to Mularkey and am also going to do so to the studio in Farmington.

Hope to come your way on the next trip out. Best wishes to all

Sincerely

This is the first time I ever lost anything on the reservation.