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Mr. Merle Armitage,
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Dear Merle:-

For several weeks I have been intending to drop you a line to ask you if you would be at all interested in photo story that has been in my mind for some time. It has to do with the Rio Grande and is international in scope.

You may know of the new dam, the Falcon Dam, being built just below Laredo. It is to be completed next year and the preliminary survey was under way when I was last down there. There are two towns in particular which will be submerged by the lake created by the dam. One in Mexico Guerrero, and Zapata in Texas. Guerrero is a most interesting little town, way off the beaten track. I had one picture of it in my RIO GRANDE. The people were interesting and friendly. It seems to me there is a wonderful story to do there with pictures of the construction of the dam, an air shot or two of the locale in general, and a whole series on the people and the town. There was, as I remember some fine colonial architecture there also.

Right now with my Navaho Book dragging for lack of proper funds, I am not in a position to undertake this without some assurance of sale. I think ten days would do the job as far as travel and work down there is concerned. The right time to go would be late March or early April. Would you be at all interested in such a story?

Do you ever see Wally Goodwin? I have never heard a word from him since I heard of his difficulties and I often wonder where he is and what he is doing.

This brings my cordial greetings, and good wishes.

Most sincerely