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Mr. Ray Mackland
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Dear Mr. Mackland:-

Santa Fe is host this week to three noted craftsmen. It was my privilege to take these visitors to the Indian Pueblo of San Ildefonso. We went without any previous word being sent out to the Pueblo and we were lucky enough to find the famous Indian potter, Maria Martinez just taking a firing of her pottery from her so primitive kiln.

Here are two pictures I made. Considering the celebrations from opposite sides of the earth, I thought you might be interested. You may already have had some information on the tour these people are taking. Here however, is a brief summary.

Mr. Bernard Leach, St. Ives, England. One of the most noted potters in England and author of the text book considered standard by all the craft. Through his influence there has recently been an International Conference of Potters and Weavers in London. The two Japanese who are at present touring with him, were at this conference. Mr. Shoji Hamada, considered the finest potter in Japan. Dr. Soyetsu Yanagi, Director of the Folk Art Museum of Tokyo. They have come here from a seminar in Saint Paul. Min.

Maria Martinez is acclaimed the finest contemporary Indian Potter. She is a San Ildefonso Pueblo Indian, who has had work exhibited all over this country.

From here the three visitors go on to the west coast and on to Japan, Mr. Leach returning there for further work and study of oriental methods.

Very Truly yours,

P.S. Would you be at all interested in a series of air photographs I made of Canyon de Chelly recently? Will be glad to submit them to you.