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Mr. Raymond Carlson:-
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Dear Mr. Carlson:-

Thank you very much for your letter and the returned transparencies. There was a serious casualty, as one Navaho slide had not been removed from the glass and was packed next to the other two small films. The glass was shattered seriously damaging the covered wagon slide. I have not had time to project this to see just how badly it shows up not the injury to the slide in contact. The Covered Wagon slide is part of my series on the Navaho for future lecture purposes and I am hoping that the damage can be touched so that it will scarcely show.

I will be going out to the reservation again soon and will bear in mind the sunset project. At the moment I do not have anything in your locale. Also rainbows are definately on my list for my project, but it will be sometime before they will be possible. What is your deadline?

I have a great deal of Navaho material which I want to show you. Would you be interested in a series with an article on the craft work of the Pine Springs region? The next time I go that far over I should like very much to come down to see you and bring this lot of transparencies.

The past month has been a somewhat hectic one as I have had to move and set up a new darkroom, but I am in a far more advantageous location than the very charming little place I had before.

I shall be out on the reservation a great deal in the coming weeks as I hope to finish my Navaho book by fall.

Last October I went in to Wupatki for the first time since 1930. I found some exciting things in the fall colors of small plants on that wonderful black soil. All 2 1/2 x 3 1/4. I also have two good ones of the ruins, but I know you covered that so completely with your Wupatki issue that you may not be at all interested in these.

I have had a lot of response on the pictures in the December issue. The last one from a stock man who thinks he recognizes the horses. He probably does for that picture was made in Colorado, not New Mexico. A similar black and white is in my Rio Grande book.

I thought you had still more than two transparencies of mine on file. I am still digging into my desk etc. and will check my list as soon as I can, but I am so behind with everything it will have to wait a little.

With best wishes and many thanks for your interest, I am

Sincerely yours,