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Dear Laura,

Your letter came some time ago but I get bogged down too and also I wanted to talk with Charlie Cunningham before replying. He is the head of the museum here and a very nice fellow who is able and has imagination. He did not sound too encouraging as their programs have to fit into certain established patterns but said he would be glad to hear from you and see if an arrangement could be worked out. Perhaps they have to be noncommittal; anyway he would like to have you write, giving something of your previous work in showing your slides and lecturing on them, your connections with art institutions; also what fee you would charge and possible dates. These Easterners are wofully ignorant of the West and I would be a little "impressive" about your "connections!" Well, you know what to tell him but dont be too modest.

Icant wait to see your Navajo book and slides and to hear all your "good talk" on the preparation.

It is a shame Betsey has been miserable; please give her my love.

You might send me a copy of your letter to CCC so I could be better prepared to talk with him further and if the museum does not work out I have another idea but the museum would be best.

Charles C. Cunningham  
Wadsworth Athenaeum  
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Nuff for now.

Affectionately,

*Laura*