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Projector Camera Service
Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear Mr. Whitlock:-

A major catastrophe yesterday! I had to climb up a steep rocky hill to get an overall picture of a ranch up the Pecos. My 4x5 with the wide angle Eltar with the bed down was on my tripod. I turned to pick up something, caught my big foot in my focusing cloth, and the camera went hurtling down the rocky hillside 100 feet! In fear and trembling I went down after it. Fortunately my series VIII lens hood was screwed in. My ground glass broke only in two pieces and fell out. As you will see some hit places on the corners of the camera and the rim of my lens hood seems to have taken the brunt on the front end. As far as I can see no serious damage except possibly my range finder. The lens was very full of dust and feels gritty so I am sending it too. This is a testimonial beyond belief for the Meridian. A Linhoff would have had to go back to Germany to be rebuilt, a Speed Graphic would have been splinters. This is the first fall this camera has ever had and I regret battering it up, but I am very lucky that the lens wasn't shattered or scratched beyond use. Will you see what repair is needed and fix as soon as possible? Several jobs have come up that will keep me into next week but I can do all with the 5x7 or the Medalist. If the range finder damage is bad will you telephone me. Perhaps I will have one for the F7.7. so I can use the strôbe. ut I hope not at this time.

My phone number is 2-0032.