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Laurie Dear:

Alice Campbell
appeared very briefly, tother
day, to give me what information
she had gleaned from her
college friend, Miss Muriel
Fuller -

Miss Fuller suggests that
if you want a penetrating &
expert advisor; first as to
the saleability of the Navaho
Book, & second, as to the
person to contact & advise
about contract — you get
in touch with (and perhaps send
along your Mass — or a characteristic
chapter or two) — ~~to~~

Miss Caroline Sauer,
½ McIntosh & Otis, Inc.,
18 East 41st St,
New York 17, N.Y.

When Alice mentioned Miss
Sauer's name, I remembered
that she was the really
brilliant, as well as delightful,
editor at G.P. Putnam's, ^{back in '47} not
only having worked over Eliot's
books with Shirley, but was
assigned to my little book
"Animal X-Rays".

Before she had finished the
job on my book, she'd been
offered a far better job
elsewhere, had to accept
it immediately, and we
didn't know where she'd
gone!

I can't think of any one
better. And when you write
her, be sure to mention
both Eliot and me.

Miss Fuller says the
Authors' Guild is a part

of the Author's League of America. Caroline Souer will be able to tell you just whom you should get in touch with there.

When writing her, you should of course tell her of your other books — of Hastings House, and of what D. S. + P. did, after commissioning the Hawaho book. When Miss Fuller heard about it, her comment was "Stinking!"

Her address, in case you want it, also, is 235 East 50th St.

Now remember, Summer is upon us, and it may be that you would get immediate replies from either of them — they being off on vacation.

But by the time you come East in the fall - you should have your "line of attack" all worked out, & know just what to do.

I had thought of going into N.Y. to see Caroline, but feel it would be useless at this point, without having the Mss. to show her. So the first move should be your letter to her, with as much of the Mss, or dummy, to send her as you can spare.

Do so hope we're on the right track at last, and that you will be able to send stuff to Miss Sauer promptly.

Best of luck - & my special greetings to Betsy. How I hope the Shingles have departed!

Love - Brandie



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