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Dear Mitch :-

A lot of time has been rolling by and I begin to wonder what response you have found to my Navaho. If it is bad news you have let me have it, and don't hold it back. I will want to know just what has been said of it, good or bad (just so it isn't in-different!). I am working on text right now and I am going to do over all the Creation Myth. Probably the criticism I got through Mrs. Abbot was right, that I should shorten it and tell it in my own words rather than a more or less quote. But in the meantime I am needing the dummy and am writing Mrs. Abbot to send it out just as soon as you return it to her. I have not heard from her so it may be that you have been delayed in your trip to New York and have not yet finished with it.

I hear that Fred Bartlett is now director of C.S.F.A.C. I am glad. He should do a good job. I also hear bad news of Eric.

It is tragic. So fine and able a person. In this quarter, both of us are on the mend. Betsy better and at last putting on a little weight. Yourstruly had a recent xray which showed improvement in the back. So I think it will come out all right.

In all probability this letter will cross one from you. That so often happens. Here's hoping. My very best to you both.