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Dear Earnie:-

This is long overdue to you but your former boss has been working me hard on color. The Japanese show opened last night in a howling snow storm and two capacity houses for the movie! The show is beautiful, no two ways about it. Alan has genius in a management and display, but as to other duties I don't know. Since you left I have done the Mexican show in color and b&w. The Mobile Unit in both, and now the new show in both. The dark room is a mess with everything torn up to put in the new sink and no one covered over anything. So much for Museum news. I have been most awfully busy, a big job for Beiber as you know, a sale of Navaho prints to the Navaho Museum, some portraits, and several other odd jobs both b&w and Color. I am going to work in to color as completely as possible as far as earning money is concerned and save my black & white efforts for what I want to do.

Until last week I have been thinking definitely in terms of coming out in June. Now two things are looming that may make it impossible. The first and most important is a European publisher who will be here on the 15th and Mr. VonHelms has it all arranged for him to go over my Navaho material. He (VH) is very encouraging over the possibilities of this. It would insure a fine printing job which is more important to me than who publishes it. Next, Mr. Mauzy has just set the date for my Navaho show at the Laboratory for May 27th. The opening of the show and showing my slides and a possible repeat of the latter at a later date. This crowds into the early June time very much. So that right now I just don't think I can say definitely. I want to come so very much and shall do everything possible to bring it about. I do appreciate first your invitation to stay with you and Helen. I should love it and would do some groups with all the pleasure possible. I think I should hold off from a decision until after I see this publisher. If this should materialize into a contract I would have to pitch in to finish the book as rapidly as possible. I don't want Ansel to go to a lot of trouble until I am certain of my time. But by the 15th of this month I should know what I can do.

By the way what is the best way to drive out and how long does it take?

I am glad for your sake that you have made the move but I certainly miss having you around.

Beiber has been east and is due home to-morrow. Other wise I know little news. My very best to one and all.

Ofcourse I will show the N. slides with pleasure.