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Dear Maria:-

Have been trying to get you on the phone for two days. When they did have you on the line, I was at a critical place in processing some color and just couldn't talk and ten minutes later you were gone again.

What I want to tell you is that I wrote immediately after I saw you at the ranch last week to get information and prices from the color lab. There had not been time to get an answer when we met at the museum. I was giving you prices on the duplicate slides from an old price list. This lab has recently opened a new plant with very new and up to the minute facilities. The revised price list has just come, or rather did two days ago so that I can give you a better quotation on the duplicates.

1 duplicate	25¢
2-9 "	20¢
10-24	15¢
25 up	12¢

This is here recent quotation. In addition to this, I can give you the benefit of a professional discount if the order is placed through me as a professional photographer.

I have a portfolio of drawings to try out and will get at it on Tuesday. This will give a good idea of how many I can do in a day. It should not take too long to do the whole lot once I have established my working conditions.

When you, Mrs. Wight and Irene came to see me here, the whole idea went way off the

original project which as I understood it, was to purchase duplicate prints of any future work I would get toward the finishing of my book. After all this is my first commitment. The idea of motion picture and a possible paid ceremonial was very far removed. As I understood it all we ended up with my agreeing to sound out any possibilities when I went out and report to you, and I also understood by October first. That I have had endless delays getting off is most regrettable on more than one count, but it looks now as though it will really come off the end of next week.

I saw that none of you had any idea of the problems of undertaking work in motion picture nor the cost involved. 16mm color motion picture runs into a great deal of money in a very short time and involves techniques to produce a finished product, which I am at the moment at least not qualified to produce. And also it would interfere greatly with getting the necessary stills. I thought I had made my position clear but perhaps I didn't.

In any event, I shall be glad to undertake the making of the slides and I could get at it as soon as I return.

With many thanks for your interest in my behalf on all of this and hoping that there have been no serious misunderstandings, I am

Most sincerely yours,

We had SOME RAIN yesterday. You should see the Camino now! Also what happened to me the day I was trying to phone was that the Public service turned off the water on me before I had finished processing some important color!