

Mexico, Yucatan
Dec 22 -

Dear Betty & Majorie:-

Your last letter & enclosures of the 19th came in today. So many thanks for everything. I am sorry that there have been difficulties. I had this same trouble with the job Missel did for Mr. Anderson. That was why I was trying to find ~~some~~ other way to mount these. Peter Krebs letter explained everything & I have sent Peter's letter to Mr. Missel with a pointed foot note. Would you be so good as to look at the top shelf of my desk in a long red & white spiral bound catalogue and send me the Florida address of the Color Corporation of America their office is in New York but the plant in Florida. I have run into a problem. One of the deciding factors in my coming at this point was that I was told I would have the use of an air conditioned dark room. Now - no dark room at all, and W.F. says he never told me that. I don't quite know what to think. If it is possible I should like to send color film to Florida for processing.

Have had two good days work out at a village - Hocobah - about half way out to Chichen. The second day, Dr. Margain & I stayed for work, (he is anthropologist at the U. of Mex) & such a nice person - while the others went out to Valladolid. Said they would be back at 5. They showed up at 8.30! Our nice Mayas made a feast for us. Scrambled Eggs - Tortillas & chili (hot) so we had some food but also it was cold when the

Sun went down. Yesterday sorted out our stuff here. This morning work in the market. What a market! I bought a inexpensive Panama ^{to work in} jacket to wear & they all got a kick out of my buying a man's hat! To-noon Joe goes home by air so I will loose my interpreter & be on my own. Just now I called down to the office to ask for a light bulb as my bed lamp had burned out - and up came a fly spray! You will like that one Betty! But I am doing a little better every day. My dictionary says a light bulb is a "una bombilla". The boy says it is "un foco." or ~~un~~ bombillo. This is Mr. Burnett Culp's dictionary. I'll have to send him that one.

How did the Williams prints look? As a matter of fact the groups should have been much more difficult to print than the Mr. Brown's. And the Chavez? I guess I have had all I want of having work done at a laboratory. Yes all 15 prints were for Williams. Chuck Mueller was to mount them on any good mounts, also the Chavez & Mr. Brown. So much for all my undone work. I will write to the Mr. Brown's. Also to Misses! He always knows it all!

As to my accts. Just here is another \$50.- for you. Second.
Mail the check to Lawrence Photo in Wichita. Then
when you have collected another \$250.- Mail the chks to
Santa Fe Book & Camera Shop. I'll get the Conoco
bill paid when my check comes in Jan 4 from Foltz
art. Did you mail - did I even ask you to
mail - the prints & cards to Mrs Artam Anderson?
They were all done up in work room ^{ready to go}. When the
letter comes in open it as it will have 200-odd
dollars in it. Has Mr. Mungrace come for his color
prints? incidentally, Mabel did an excellent job on that
one.

The weather has been delightfully cool, but this is mid-
winter here. It will warm up next month. I forgot to
tell you that at Hecobah, I finally got out the Polaroid.
It worked like magic. I made prints of all the family we
were working with (will color things with my medalist in between)
and soon the neighbors were coming over. All these people are
so won defied to work with, so friendly, unselfconscious & wanting
to help. I anticipate a goodly lot of work. Don't know when
I will get to Chichen or Uxmal, but I will.

So glad you are getting what you want to eat. Mrs Spratt
with the whipped cream etc. Put on weight while I am away

live lost some myself.

The cost of the drive down was reasonable enough over 2700 miles - \$950 pesos. a little under \$80.- U.S. including one tire repair + one other repair! It would be a marvellous trip if done with leisure - but the way it was it was rugged.

I wonder why Shush prefers Sombain bed. What is the matter with her own?

Am very pleased over the Kennedy Cabinet. He seems to be making a very real effort to get the best people regardless of party etc. The only questionable one - Brother Bob - But he is tough & perhaps can clean up on the Jimmy Hoffa's - & teen age gangs.

Don't send any Christmas cards. I'll make them Valentines instead.

Off for more interesting work to - monow

This brings a Very Merry Christmas. It seems funny to see wreaths made of palm leaves.

Affectionately

Lama