

January 15, 1961

Dear Laura:

I was about to send you a letter, when 4 arrived from you all at once! The one dated Dec. 22, plus Jan. 10 and 11 to me and to Betsy. Two checks enclosed. Thanks, but I hope they won't break the bank! I'm certainly glad the Museum money finally came through.

I'm afraid you aren't getting enough rest with the strenuous program on hand. Don't feel the necessity to write much; a card or a line to Betsy fairly often is all that is necessary to keep her reassured. The journal is more important, and I well know how hard it is to keep it up. I am so relieved that your exposed films are safely stored; I assume it means that you will keep them with you and bring them home when you come. I should think it would be safer than entrusting them to a processing company, or to the mails.

I have been driving your car at intervals to keep up the battery, and the last time I went in it found the brakes gone; just made it to Campbell Pontiac. There is a seepage of the fluid, slow but something to watch. Filling this up restored them. But the mechanic said the linings were very thin and ought to be replaced before the drum gets worn. Do you want me to have this done? It would save you having the car laid up when you return, and be less costly now than if there is drum damage. I have been having Rupard's (who bought Jack Sloan's outfit) do my work. Campbell said it would cost about \$40. Probably Rupard's would be a little less. Or if you prefer someone else, it could go wherever you want.

Now about checks etc. Chavez not paid; was she billed? There was no bill to be delivered with the picture. Yes, the Anderson packages were sent, and the bill has been paid, as you will note in list of deposits. Mrs. Williams came for the pictures; her name isn't in the phone book, but I'll call (it is now Sunday morning, too early to call) and get her initials. Musgrave came, and that is paid.

The checks to Lawrence, Santa Fe Book and Camera Shop were all mailed after the Anderson money was deposited to make a total of \$536.81. I will check the last telephone bill which was around \$33.00--I guess your payment from El Paso was not posted.

I think you have received all my letters, perhaps with the exception of one or two I sent previous to Dec. 10. Now that communications seem all right I feel better. I am sending the photo supply statements and a couple of other bills; the former I thought maybe you would like to have to check. As I mentioned before, they came after the checks in your letters had been mailed.

The weather keeps clear and cold; yesterday was bitter with a wind, but today is calm and milder.

Best love to you, *Maymie.*

McPHERLIN

I have just talked to Mrs. Williams, Her address:

Mrs. Leon Williams,
Route 1, Box 250
Santa Fe, N.M.

She said the color group of the family with the two boys looked blurred and out of focus. The others fine.

She seemed unsatisfied with the black and white portraits which she said had not been "retouched." Apparently there were too many blemishes etc. visible. However, she said she would be very happy to send you a check for part of the job but did not know how to break it down. So perhaps if you have time to figure it out, you can write her. I explained ~~all~~ that you were busy etc. and that I would relay the above information, so she of course does not expect any adjustment to be made until you return.