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Mr. Bartold Fles,
507 Fifth Ave.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fles:-

Your letter came several days ago, but due to a cold myself plus the extreme weather we have had, I havent been down to the post office for several days. We were down to -12 and Taos -30. and barely up to zero during the day. But it is warming up to-day.

Are you not jumping the gun a little in talking to Viking yet? There are a lot of things to be decided before I make any committment anywhere. I have a very prominent backer on the west coast whom I must consult first of all. This correspondence will take a little time. Then, I want to know what sort of a contract I might have with you both for an American publication as well as European. Also I want to see some sort of list of authors whom you represent. I have enjoyed my visits with you and the discussions we have had but that is the extent of my knowledge. Having been badly burned once I intent to be very sure of everything this time.

I have about one week's work on the dummy before it can be sent to a decision. It wont be finished, of-course, but everything will be blocked out and general plan clear. There are about ten important photographs now on that awful proof paper which must be proofed on good paper to show photographic quality. I had only done the others for my own use. I have more text underwgy and hope to have the whole of Part I complete by early next week. As I havexg been working this past week the book now has 228 pages. (my Rio Grande has 256). I am putting full time on it now.

I should hear from California before long and in the mean time I shall hope to hear from you again.

Cordially