

February 10, 1963

Dear Laura,

Nat and I were pleased to receive your letter and have been talking about it for several days. (We have been closed in - in our errie - by a wonderful storm). Both of us feel that the turn toward the Navaho Tribal Council is truly the best move to make. It not only will give them a prideful document but will lend an authenticity to the presentation of the book to the American public. Nat is especially keen about the idea of the West German printer. A new book has just come out on S.O.M., sort of a documentary review of the major part of their work - and this has been printed in Germany - and is very satisfying. Nat wondered if you could tell us the approximate price for the five thousand copy edition. We wondered if with our small funds, we might prime-the-pump (if necessary) with up-to \$4,000.00 (which we would have to donate through some non-profit organization such as the Indian Arts Fund). Or, it might be that this amount could be used to complete the financial arrangment at the end.

Nat is going to the office tomorrow and will look into the photographs which you speak of - and have them sent to you. Yes, House Beautiful is next-to-impossible to deal with...and Elizabeth Gordon (whom I like very much) rarely

answers a letter.

The Stitchery showing all worked out quite well and the three of us were able to put together a good looking show of three kinds of elements. We had some 400 people come to the Opening and we sold some things and had good response.

Nat and I have recently gone on a two day walking trip through the mountains behind our coast. We took dried foods which one might refer to as "instant foods" and we forded streams up to our waists (waists) and ran into three Wild Boar, one of which, charged us. Six men and two women climbing up through rocky gorges hanging with fine-finger ferns and heavy with moss. Oh, so beautiful! I suppose we covered only about 20 miles, but it was slow rough going and quite exciting. I shall make a point of looking up Becky James as soon as I stop doing so-many-different-things. Give our warm greetings to "Betsy" and keep a load for yourself.

Margaret.