

January 20.

Dear Billie Norton:-

Much has happened since I saw you in November. It was very hard for me to say "No" about going to the Fire Dance with you, but I just had to be home on that Wednesday afternoon and could not possibly stay over. This was about the hardest NO I ever had to say as I did want to stay so much.

It will not be long until you leave for Wisconsin. At the moment I do not find your last letter giving the dates, but I just have not been able to get over before now. I had an auto accident on Christmas day. Another car ran into me from behind doing nearly \$200. damages to my car. Some of this was taken care of by my insurance but I had to pay a gppd part myself. And now I will have to earn the money to come over again. It seems best for me to get the book as nearly complete as possible before I do come. I can send it in and while many decisions are being made, I can come over and we can slip the sand paintings in later. Will you be at home for a while between your Wisconsin trip and going to California? Perhaps we can work it out then. I hope you have your car back and I wish I could have helped you with it, but giving you \$20. in advance was all I was able to do. Also I must be sure just which sand painting is the right one for me to use..

So, I hope you have a good trip to Wisconsin and that perhaps we can get together after you come back from there. I am working hard now trying to complete the text for the book in the next three weeks.

I did get back to Cortez and made the flight to get the new DEBENTZA picture. I have a good one.

Good luck and I will be seeing you,