

Nov. 19, 65.

Mr. David Brower,
THE SIERRA CLUB,
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San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Brower:-

It was indeed nice to have Eliot Porter call me to tell me that you wished to see my ENDURING NAVAHO. I am both pleased and honored, for I know nearly all your beautiful publications.. I assume that Philip Hyde told you of this after he was here. We had a most interesting visit and I am anxious to see how his book is progressing. And I do hope that my young friend Herbert Blatchford will undertake the text. An extraordinary young man with much ability, though very shy.

I am not as yet committed anywhere with my book though Mr. Wardlaw of the Texas University Press has seen most of the pictures and a little of the text. He would make no commitment until he had the completed thing in his hands. All that he has said was that he would be very disappointed if they did not publish it.

Fritz Hartmann of West Berlin has also been interested in this. His work is beautiful but I do not think this is a letter press job.

The photography is done, with two exceptions which I want to remake (the Sacred Mountains of the South and West as soon as there is sufficient snow). There are some final reproduction prints yet to make and a small amount of text. The first two parts are finished, final typing, and Part IV is done but not copied, which leaves a few items in Part three.

I am sending out for your inspection, Parts I and II which contain the first carbon copy of the text. The final text I am putting all in one binder without any pictures. So you will find in the box the mock-ups

of Parts I & II, a portfolio of reproduction prints of Part II B, and a portfolio of the double page spreads in a large size. This folio also contains two of the ceremonial pictures from Part IV and three prints from Part III. I hope all of this will give you an idea of this book. I am working very hard right now to complete the whole thing by Dec. 1st.

Two weeks ago, Margaret & Nat Owings were here at the ir Pojuaque residence, and Nat asked me to bring this all out to show him. He went over it very carefully. As he is one of the few who have seen the whole thing, I am sure he would tell you what he thinks of it if you should wish to ask him. I know that you know them both.

I shall await with eagerness your opinion on this book, and I would like to think that Philip Hyde's and mine might compliment each other, though I only know vaguely what material will be in his book.

If it will not be hurrying you too much, may I have all this back by Dec. 1st when I hope to have all the rest completed.

The box will go off by Air Express to-morrow morning as Eliot tells me you are leaving soon for the East.

TRUSTING THAT EVERYTHING REACHES YOU PROMPTLY AND IN GOOD ORDER, I am

Most sincerely yours,