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My dear Laura
Mary Don has just sent me The
Book and I've been reading and
looking all morning (bedded with a
vile cold) - If I could say that I had
produced a work like that, for my
life span here on earth, I'd count my-
self most wonderfully fortunate. It is
superb Laura - I'm so very happy that
someone had the good sense to publish
it, and while you are alive to
enjoy the general trumpeting -

It is a magnificent thing to have
done for the Navaho as well as for
us Anglos - he must be made more
humble in contemplating the years
of dedication, the years of labor,
the sense of kinship for us all, that
are expressed within its pages.

And what a beautiful job - Your
pictures are so clear - the grey
tones are lovely & rich; you must be
very very happy about it. I can't
think of a single aspect that seems
imperfect or that I'd have changed -
your writing is so good too! What a
beautiful Tribute to Betsey - she

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Must be just about splitting a
gusset with pride over you and
over it, and glad to have been a part
of both. I do congratulate you with
all my heart! - Superb - just superb.

I haven't heard one good political
joke all year - up to this cap all
was mild - unpredictable; since Chi-
cago how tame it has seemed.
I wonder if life is going to quiet down
just a bit after Jan 20 - I think
Johnson in the end has succeeded
not only in boying us dreadfully

but is irritating us - I don't derogate
him as much as some do but he
does awfully bore me -

Well I'll see you sometime this winter
I think the date hasn't been quite
settled yet - February I guess.

Meantime Much Christmas Love
to two of my very favorite peo-
ple - Will you get yourselves a present
with the enclosed? a few logs for
your fire; a tea bag or two; a couple
of tautpils of gas & take a trip
thinking of me -

Much much love to both of you,
congratulations to you Laura
dear - Silvia