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Dear Laura:

It was wonderful to get your good letter about the book and I have been most interested in your comments about it, and delighted that you like it so well. It was a great challenge and a great pleasure to work on this all these many years and I am very happy that it has finally seen the light of day. It is very good of you to spread the news about it. I have heard very little from the East, though the book has done extremely well in the western states -- so well, in fact, that the sales are ahead of the bindery and deliveries are slow. This may be the case with the eastern market.

I wanted to tell you right away that I will be coming East in February for the opening of a retrospective show of mine in the Department of the Interior Galleries on February 15th, sponsored by the Center for Arts of Indian America. After that, I shall be coming up to New York, as the exhibit of all the Navaho material in the book will be on exhibit at the Riverside Galleries, opening February 23rd. So, you see, I have a busy time ahead. I hope that we can get together and have a visit at that time.

Betsy is very frail and quite unable to walk. We have a wonderful woman who comes to us daily from 9 to 4 and gets us our mid-day meal and is wonderful in her care of Betsy. As for myself, I have been on crutches for over two years with a bad hip, but it is better and I hope I shall eventually be able to walk again without extra legs. I am worried a bit about getting into New York, but I am sure that I can manage somehow when the time comes.

You may or may not know that Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farb are in charge of the Riverside Galleries, where they

have many Indian exhibits. My show and an adjoining one of Dorothy Dunn's collection of paintings, including Margaretta's collection, will open together on February 23rd and will be up until June 1st. As I want to also get up to Wilton, Connecticut, to see Brenda Putnam, I do hope that we can somehow get together.

My very best to you, and many, many thanks for your lovely letter. We miss you very much here. There have been many, many changes in Santa Fe since you left.

Affectionately,