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Miss Ann Erickson,
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Dear Miss Erickson:

I did not receive your letter until the day after labor day. Then this caught me in the midst of proof reading the Index on my own book, The Enduring Navaho. While this a rush request from my publisher, and you also dealing with books, will know the task I was struggling with. I had never checked the Index, and now the second printing is underway, and I had to do it. Instead of taking me two days, it took four.

Yesterday and today I have been trying to run down the information request. I was sure that Oliver Lafarce had brought this Kachina as well as several others for me to photograph. It took me some time to reach his widow, only to find that this Kachina did not belong to Oliver and that she did not know whose it was. Then I tackled all the museum units here, and have only just located it in a private collection, so that I am able to fill in your form with one exception, that of execution. But I did find out that it was purchased 45 years ago at the trading post of Mike Kirk at Manuelito, N.M. It is a very fine old Hemis Kachina made by a Hopi Kachina maker. These dolls are made by members of the Kachina Society and given to children so they may learn the symbols etc. of the Kachina Dancers at the time of the ceremonials. There are often variations, and this one is a Zuni version. The Zuni Indians also make these. So it official title is Hopi Kachina. Zuni Hemis Kachina. The Hemis is a god or saint belonging to the household, rather than god of the elements. I have checked two of the Bureau of American Ethnology reports, Cushing and Fewkes and also Dr. Coulton (more recent), a more recent book (Hopi Kachina Dolls).

I hope all this will give you all the information you need. This particular item belongs to Mrs. Pansy Stockton, of Santa Fe, N. M.

I am sorry about the scratch; this must have been done at the Golden Press, where the transparency was used in Oliver La Farge's book. I hope it will not show very much.

I am glad to have you use this at the price you have quoted. And if there is ever any other material dealing with this part of the country, I shall be very to make or locate it for you.

In order to have this reach you as quickly as possible, I shall go right down the mail this special delivery so that you should receive it Monday morning. I shall wait untill noon to call you.

Hoping that all the enclosed information is satisfactory, I am

Sincerely yours,