

## TAOS BOOK SHOP MISSION SHOP

Taos, New Mexico 87571

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Dear Laura : Your figure of \$750.00 for 25 phptographs is certainly completely satisfactory to me. I enclose a check for \$250.00 as down payment . I am just greatly pleased that you are interested in the

project .

The reason I have not replied sooner is the fact that the book shop has been just jumping all month, more busy than it has ever been before in the tourist season, and I have wondered how I could manage to be free for such conferring with you as you will need . I thought business might slack off now, as it sometimes does during the latter part of the month, but it shows no sign of doing so . Of course I don't know what part I will be taking in the project, so will have to leave it up to you . If you feel you should start right away, just do so, and I'll fit my plans to yours as required. If you could wait until after Labor Day, it would be better for us, but if not, we'll manage. Just call me on the phone and tell me what preliminary arrangements I should make , and when you will start .

I have just had a marvellously warm letter from the editor at Atlantic Monthly Press , just after she had read the completed manuscript. She says she will give it her whole-hearted support , but it still has to go to the Atlantic editorial board and then to that of Little, Brown, since they publish jonntly . It will be several weeks before I will know their decision.

She said again that she is delighted to know that the book is to have an album of your superb photo-Certainly I am delighted myself. graphs .

All the best Marrell Claire Morrill