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Mr. Van Deren Coke
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Dear Van:-

Thank you so much for your letter. It is long unanswered as I was away for little bit, over at de Chelly laying some ground work for the coming big effort for L.G. And thank you for the descriptive adjective on the envelope. It is alright as long as you dont use a prefix.

Ansel's visit and talk etc. were great and it created quite a stir. I was delighted to have a small party to have a lot of the young photographers all around meet him. He seemed quite well, though much of his usual ebullience was somewhat quieted.

Ofcourse I should be most pleased to have prints in the collection to which you refer. prints of this quality and size \$50. I shall have to make them, and as I am working on other similar prints at the moment, I shall include these and hope to have them ready when I hear from you. I am making a set of some 25-30 prints to submit to Mr. David McAlpin for his selection for, I believe, Princeton. These will be ready to go to him shortly. The set will include at his request a few of my early platinum.

It is good news that you are coming back. I knew you would. New Mexico is fast becoming a photographic center. Beaumont is going great guns. It is great.

My very best to you both,

P.S. I gave up my post office box when I landed on two crutches. Just address me 409 Camino etc. Am now on one crutch only, and I walk a lot around the house without that, so you see how much better I am. My sleeves are rolled up to get at this new book and will be off on the first lap as soon as I clean up work now on hand. Cheers.