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Mr. Lee Witkin,
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Dear Lee:-

Last week went by so fast I don't know where I am, for I intended to write soon after your and Mr. Berley's telephone call. I have been thinking over your proposal about adding one platinum print to my portfolio. The amount of time and work involved in this chance does not seem very practical to me.

In the first place one 8x10 print in with nine 11x14 silver prints it seems to me would minimize, rather than add to the portfolio. Then the making of 55 hand coated platinum would involve in a great amount of time. Why wouldn't it be best to go ahead as we had planned for a first portfolio. Then once that is launched, let me work of a smaller one of all hand coated platinum, say a limited edition of twenty or twenty five prints of eight or ten subjects.

Somehow this makes much more sense to me. But I must get the DeChelly book finished before I could think about about that. With the other, I do want to get started on it and space work on it during the rest of this year. Do give this some thought on your part, and let's get this first one going as soon as I can make it.

It is simply great having Paul Caponigro in our midst. Had dinner with them one evening recently and saw his print, and the portfolio he has done for you. Wonderful prints. He, Ed Ranney and Will Clift, have a beautiful show up here at Hill's Gallery. All landscape, not a distorted figure or face, no eroticism, all a great breath of fresh air! New Mexico is becoming quite a photographic center.

The two prints of the Navaho Nakai Family, (with the flag) will be in the mail in a day or two. They are made and mounted, but must be checked for spotting. Almost done, and packed. Sorry to be so long.

How many books of mine did you sell? Just curious.

Will try to make print of you and the Burleys in my way

studio, as soon as I can. Have remodeled my work room, and my East Gallery washer is being all hooked up to-day. And I have to show my canyon slides to the School of American research, on March 28th. Am screening this very carefully. And have some new Canyon ones to added.

So your lame old lady is plugging along and hopes to keep it up for some time to come.

My best to all,

Something in MS before long. I think this is all funny.