



the 1st of March

Laura

Came home from Second Mesa to find your
note ...

And before I disappear in a new book let
me briefly reply: Herb is still in a bad
way. Hes gone back to Gallup, mostly be-
cause his son was paroled there. And from
friends I hear he is suffering a linger-
ing death, or drunk, or both.

You can reach him at his old house, Chris'
house.

Maybe I ought to come by some afternoon.
And we can talk?

In Peace,
Stan

A large, stylized blue ink signature, likely 'Stan', written over the typed name 'Stan'. The signature is composed of several loops and a long vertical stroke, giving it a distinctive, handwritten appearance.