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Mr. James Mathias, Vice President,
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New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Mathias:-

My apology to you for being so long in answering your letters, but an accident and absence from home are the answers. I went over to Canyon de Chelly on what I hoped would be my last field trip on my nearly completed book on the Canyon, and met sudden and unexpected frustrations. Several unexpected warm days sent water rushing down the Canyon in a Spring runoff, and I was unable to get up the Canyon for a week. Then in a strange accident in someone else's car, I had an ankle injury which brought me home. Lying in bed or on a couch is not the best position in which to write letters when one's ankle has to be elevated. I am about back to normal and back at work.

I shall be ready to commence some hand-coated platinum prints by June first or very shortly thereafter. If the First is still satisfactory to you, or if you would prefer to wait until June Fifteenth, either date would be satisfactory to me.

My bank here is the First National Bank of Santa Fe, and my account No. is 11-6879-7. Mr. Don Vansolen is a officer who could give you any reference you may need. I have had my account in this bank ever since I first came to Santa Fe in 1945.

It is needless to say that I am looking forward to work I shall be doing during the coming year. I am now gathering materials with which to do this work.

Sincerely yours,