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Mr. Frank Wardlaw,
University of Texas Press,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Wardlaw:-

A few evenings ago, I had a call from David Jones of the National Park Service. He is one of the chief planners of the area headquarters here in Santa Fe. He is a most enthusiastic backer of my book, for he lived for seven years on the reservation when he was a ranger at Wupatki National Monument and knows the Navaho probably better than anyone around this part of the country.

The evening he was here he suggested that he (if you approved) go over to talk to various leaders of the tribe, possibly the whole council about the investment by the tribe in a large number of copies of this book. He knows all these people personally and I am sure the not only respect him, but like him from long acquaintance. Dave thinks that the tribe will place copies for sale at all of their guild stores, at the concessions in the National Park areas and Tribal Parks. He gave me the visitor attendance at Navaho Nat'l Monument (Betata-kin Cliff Dwelling) . Until two years ago the average visitor figure was 5000. This year it is going to run about 50,000. This is quite astonishing and shows ofcourse what a good highway will do. Dave believes that the tribe will order a great many copies, possibly a whole edition. This all sounds very rosy but the Navaho will always back anything they really like. He has offered to go over and talk to the powers that be about this as a disinterested person, but ofcourse would want your approval first. Perhaps you might want to go also.

Another thing that has been on my mind is that I have no picture of Lake Powell. The Navaho tribe are developing a new Tribal Park on the Navaho side of the

lake so that a great tourist attraction will be developed there in the next year or two. Dave thinks I should have something and has offered to take me up the lake in the Park Service boat. From what I know of that southern Utah country it is spectacular. Dave thinks he could get me to a series of points by boat so that I would not have to walk. (This handicap is a terrible source of frustration right now!) If you think this is advisable to include we could eliminate something else if necessary. And at this point I have a thought. Why don't you come up and go over with us? If you have never seen any of the reservation, we could give you a quick look at a lot of interesting points and introduce you to the tribe. I am very pleased with this idea. Perhaps Mitch and Sally could join us. Do give this some thought.

If you should wish to write to Dave Jones, his full name is David J. care of the National Park Service, Santa Fe. He is a person of enthusiasm and vision.

With the best of wishes,

hard practical realism

D. Jones thinks that the tribe would also buy many copies to sell to their own people at cost for he thinks that a great many Navaho will want copies. I hope he is right.

Sept. & Oct. are wonderful months in the Southwest