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Mrs. Barbara Spielman,  
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Box 7819,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Spielman:-

A quick note to thank you for your letter containing the good news that my book is getting underway. In a few days I will send the completed forms but I may add at once that the book is complete except for the Index which of course cannot be done until the type is set and pages numbered, and one item, quotes. There are only a few. The source is given but I will go through the entire thing again to list places or people to write to regarding permission. This will be short, and I don't know why I didn't think of this.

The item of picture releases is something we must consider carefully too. When Mr. Wardlaw was here he wanted all the names of the individual portraits I have in the book. I already have a good many signed releases (a good many with finger prints only!) but there are some I do not have. Several I can get by mail which I shall do at once. Others I would have to go get. Quite a task, and as I am confined to crutches with a bad hip and back at present, a very difficult one. These people were all willing enough at the time I made the pictures, but with the unset conditions now existing on the reservation, I wouldn't out it past some to try to cash in. I am not certain of the law, but I believe if names are not mentioned that can be no claim. Is this correct? I will list all those that I have and will be able to get.

I sincerely hope you will not find much to correct, or change, and how the book strikes you will mean a lot.

The filled in forms will be sent to you in a few days. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,