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Mr. Frank Wardlaw,  
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Dear Frank:-

I have been dismayed that my letter has in any way upset you. My most sincere apology if it sounded critical, for indeed there was no such thing intended. I was only passing along a lot of comments that have come in to me, and I expect it was an accumulation of these, plus my own frustrations due to a number of causes. The loss of my Navaho show, was a blow and a bad one, for I was in the process of negotiations for several other showings, all of which would have helped sell the book. Then there is my constant frustration over my physical disabilities which I try very hard to conceal, but which evidently show through once in a while; so all in all my letter must have reflected some of these and for which I am deeply sorry.

This letter should have gone off to you a whole week ago. The Albuquerque festivities plus some problems at home are the reason. No one could have been more surprised than I that I should have been awarded an honorary degree. Of course I am much pleased and honored that the University should have done this. I was "hooded" last Friday evening, and as The Enduring Navaho played an important part in the citation; I shall hope that you will get some extra book sales.

A copy of Steve's letter to the Thunderbird Lodge at Canyon de Chelly came a few days ago. I do hope that he gets a good response. While this sounds as though this was his first correspondence there, I hope it isn't. This place was at the top of a list I gave Steve in 1968. The number of visitors at Canyon de Chelly are great, and usually well to do. I realize also that one single place way off all the beaten tracks seems relatively unimportant, particularly when the distances are so great, but the last time I was at the Lodge, they had a large selection of Southwest books and they told me they sold many of them. I know it is difficult to judge the importance of such places particularly when one

does not know the country. I am hoping that before long I will be able to go over to the reservation, and then, perhaps, I can find some new outlets also.

It is now considerably more than a year since you told me that you would be going to press on a second edition very soon. This doubtless misled me, for when I found out last fall that there were still 2500 copies unbound, it seemed to change the picture very much. I knew how many copies had been sold in this vicinity, and when those were deducted from 5000, it appeared that not so many copies had been sold elsewhere in general. I did not mean to sound that I was blaming you for this. I know that the present economic times are responsible in good measure. Then the book probably does not have the general appeal I hoped it had. The price is too high for the Navaho People from what I hear, so perhaps if the day comes that you produce a paperback, then I believe the sale there will be good, though I should hate to see the usual loss of values that most paperbacks have.

So, once again, please understand that I had no thought of being critical of all your efforts. I have appreciated them more than I can ever say. I was only passing along the comments I have received from far and wide.

With my very best wishes to one and all, I am

Most sincerely yours,

does not know the country. I am hoping that before long I will be going over to the reservation, and then perhaps I can find some new outlets also. My problem is finding someone to be here to look after Miss Forster while I am away, as she has lost a lot of ground and can no longer get about. Finding responsible people seems to be difficult indeed.