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Dear Steve:-

What happened that I didn't see you and your charming wife again before you left these parts? I wanted to do some small thing in celebration of your wedding. I called the hotel but found that you had left.

So at long last the second printing is out. That is good news and also a much better book. I received three complimentary copies all of which disappeared in two days.

I have two orders for you. No. 1 please send me 6 copies (2nd printing). No. 2 I want to send two copies to England. I enclose cards and addresses herewith. One goes to a very special person who visited here some years ago and who is one of the great if not the great woman writer of our time, Dame Rebecca West. I would have done this long ago, but I didn't want to send it until at least the ending of the book, as far as the pictures go, had been corrected. Can you have these mailed from the London Office? An English friend of mine here mailed copies to each of these people when the book first came out, but neither one ever reached England. I trust that the London Office has copies of the second printing and that this can be done.

When will you be coming this way again? Had a call day before yesterday from the people who run the Farmington, N.H. Book Store. I failed to get their names owing to the presence of several other people. Was it Parker? They want me to come over for an autograph party! Said they had sold a lot of books to the Navaho and told me of one girl who went to the store every week to pay \$1. down until she paid for the book. This touches me greatly.

As things have been pretty slow for me this summer, I guess I shall have to ask that these books be charged to my account. I have had to put Miss Forster into a nursing home here as I could no longer handle her when I didn't have someone else in the house. Very distressing.

Please give my regards to one and all. Is there yet any indication about a reprint of The Rio Grande? I will need to make all new prints on that and it will take some time.

Most sincerely