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Dear Allison Dodge:-

You may recall that the last time I saw you, I was working on a photographic book on the Navaho. Well, I am in the very last stages of completing the text, which has grown beyond any wild speculation of some years ago. Endless research, all very interesting and absorbing. I am really just about finished on the whole project. Just this week Dave and Corky Jones have gone over all my material and have given me a lot of help, some of which was to get in touch with you about the present status of sheep breeding experiment and its history. But before I get into that, I must tell you that Dave suffered a heart attack about a month ago. He is doing very well, is sitting up and will be up about the house in the next few days. I feel sure he will make a fine recovery.

A few months ago, I was over on the reservation, and tried to get in touch with you. I hit the very day that you were being operated on. I was so sorry to learn of this necessity and I gather from various sources that all goes well with now.

Corky wants me to insert a paragraph into the text I have finished about the Sheep experiment. I think she wants me also to point up the value of it and the foolishness of abandoning it to the point it has come to. I need to know the good qualities of these sheep, how many there are, are the bucks being used to build up other herds now, or has that been stopped, is wool from these sheep still being sold at the Guild?

As time is getting to be of the essence for me, would you call me any evening and I am sure that I can take down the information I need. My phone is Santa Fe, 982-0632. Please call collect.

I wish I could show you all the photographs I now have for this book, but right now I just cannot come over. I must get the finished book in to the publisher within two weeks of possible.

I have gone in quite extensively in the weaving part of the book, as I feel it the most important phase of Navaho life. Several experts have gone over my material, Mabel Morrow, Irene Emery, who has been here for 2 months this summer, and the Joneses.

I am not sure just when I shall get over your way again, perhaps it won't be too long but I cannot wait for another trip to get this needed information. So I shall be deeply grateful if you will give it to me over the telephone, unless there were a happy hapenstance that you are coming this way for some other reason.

Hoping that you are feeling well again and that your work continues to be interesting,

very sincerely yours,