

May 6, 1965.

Mr. Herbert Blatchford,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Dear Herbert:-

Last September we were in Gallup twice as I was rounding up final information for my book, now very nearly finished. I have been long indeed with countless delays, but at last the end is in sight. I am enclosing herewith the short statement to go with your pictures. I am using two, the one of you in the field, the other the last one I made of you as counselor at the Center. These two enclosed pages will fill a page of text opposite the pictures. Will you be so good as to correct this or alter it or expand it in any way you see fit. As you see I need dates, and I find I do not know enough about the Educational Endowment Fund. Is this its proper title? When was it established and during whose administration? I shall be using three honor students, you as No. 1, Rose Benally and Shirley Sells. All very different occupations.

It is quite possible that I might come over once more for a last check. I have had a rough winter, my back and hip have bothered me a lot and I have had much foot trouble along with it. All this has complicated my life and slowed me up very much, for I still have to earn a living along the way. However, once the book is finished and shipped to the publisher I shall be very happy. If it would facilitate matters for you, call me any evening after 6 P.M. and we can have a talk over the phone. My carbon copy of this part I shall keep readily at hand. Letter writing seems to get harder and harder. I am anxious to hear all your news. Last fall I tried twice to find you, once at the Center, and one Sunday morning at home. I thought I saw you driving down the street and found out later that there was an opening somewhere of a new school or some new building, and I expect you were headed there.

With best wishes to you all,

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I am enclosing the customary release blank as required by publishers for the use of pictures where I specify the individual. Also enclose my check for the usual fee. If you will be good enough to sign and send back with this text, I shall appreciate it greatly. I am going full tilt now to finish as soon as possible.