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Dear Wally:-

Still, here but a lot accomplished never the less. Have been making various tests on photographic technique which I feel very necessary to do before starting forth so that I shall be in trim and readjusted to Colorado and New Mexico light. Then I had to spend a couple of days in Denver at the oculist. While there I did a bit of research in the excellent Western History division of the Denver Library and found a lot of interesting material, also the soil conservation book which while full of interesting things in no way even resembles what we will be doing.

After talking to various people here, I am fairly confident that the New Mexico gas board will treat me better, that with a legitimate job and one that could benefit New Mexico I'll get enough gas. It might be well to send me another letter, if you will, which I may have to show addressed just to New Mexico rather than to Santa Fe if I should find when I get there that my chances are better in Albuquerque.

I expect to get under way in a few days, it always takes longer than one thinks to get gathered up and off.

When convenient would you send me a dummy for the book so that I may plan numbers of pages for divisions etc. I have arranged to have my mail taken care of here and forwarded to me along the way and I must have one permanent address somewhere. My first job for PIX is finished and seems satisfactory to all concerned; I do not know which issue of the Saturday Evening Post will contain the article by Struthers Burt and my pictures, but I hope that I am off to a good start with them and feel sure that I can pay my way with the minimum amount of time while working on the book, that is unless they call on me too often, which I do not expect. A few good color jobs will carry me a long way.

Don't do anything more about my gas situation until I call for help. I believe it will work out.

We are having a very rainy summer, at least right here. I hope it will not hold me up elsewhere. I hope to get the Colorado section in the bag in two weeks and then on down to Santa Fe.

With kindest regards to all,

Sincerely yours,