

March 11

Dear Wally:-

I had just finished a letter to CAP including an outline of the Navaho book when your letter came. I have been hoping and hoping that I would hear from you. His letter telling me that he and Mr. Duell had decided on the book was in answer to a long letter I wrote to you which must have arrived shortly after you left. You will doubtless have word from him when you reach Tucson. I hasten this off for I feel it very important to talk over a number of things with you. Can you spare an hour or so if I drive down to meet you wherever you cross my degree of longitude? You name the place and the time, I have been holding myself free to pick up and leave on short notice.

The Navaho book is a now or never. Changes are coming by leaps and bounds. Betsy is all enthusiastic about this and is gladly giving the use of any of the material from her unpublished letters. I think that there is much in them that could be reworked and incorporated in another manner. Many of the pictures that I had with her letters are unpublished, unshown material, so that I have some traditional material to draw on. This book, following on the passage of the Navaho re-habilitation bill in Congress, should be timely. I shall concentrate completely to finish it by June of 51 so that it can be on the Christmas market of that year. This may not be possible but I learned a great deal on the last one and can save myself endless work with certain foreknowledge. Also I have all the material I need, a good place to work and will have the use of Bill Lippincotts darkroom at Wide Ruins while working the western part of the reservation this summer.

I have asked several times as to the size of the first edition of R.G. If it was 5000 it must be nearly gone judging from what CAP wrote me. There are two or three changes I hope can be made in edition 2, they involve rearrangement only, but I do want to talk this over with you too. So I hope that I may hear from you the first of the week and perhaps meet you en route.

Mary thanks for all the information about the jeep. I also have an eye on a 1948 Chevy Station wagon, Betty Boyer's who wants a smaller car. She has just left for Mexico but on her return will make the change. I may keep the old one rolling for a while with my little trailer for camping. Mary thanks for your letter and here's hoping we can arrange a meeting. My very best to Mary.

Sincerely