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Dear Wally:-

May thanks for the LAWRENCE. I shall be most interested to read it. I never met him, but of course, hearsay is rife. And I shall be most interested to get another angle than the Taos one.

The Royalty statement came in last night. I think that is a very wonderful showing. I was somehow under the impression that the statements were made up May first, rather than January 31st. 3500 copies in three months and a half is wonderful. I hope the next statement will duplicate. I am interested in the foreign and "special" column and the different prices therein. Were the Canadian copies reviews or sales to book stores? The prices are so different, does the exchange count for it? Has there been the slightest interest in Mexico? Judging from my Yucatan book that will take about two years, but it seems to me that someone told me they had seen RIO GRANDE in Mexico.

I am expecting to go over to the nearby Navaho region next week, over by Mount Taylor. I don't dare go too far until I get my car problem settled, which I shall do this coming week. Also we have been having dust storms beyond words. I think a large part of the Estancia Valley moved up to Santa Fe last week. I look for final word on the Navaho Book from you in the next few days, and also by that time I will be cleaned up on several small jobs that I have been working on here. And believe it or not I am (slightly) turning miniature! I had a chance to get a Kodak Medalist not long ago (it is the largest in the miniature class) and I am finding it very useful in amazing ways. I hope I can be strong minded enough though, NEVER to use it when I know the big camera should do the job. That will be the danger, but it is a wonderful little camera and rounds out my equipment. Certainly I am in 100% better shape to commence another big job than I was in 1945, and I intend to do that much better job too.

Again my thanks, and best wishes to one and all,

Most sincerely

Santa Fe Book reports a big increase in sales in the last two weeks.