

July 9,

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Dear Wally:-

Just in from a very hot and dusty Navaho trip. But more anon. I have just had a call from the South-western Manager for LIFE wanting me to give them information about the Rio Grande. It seems they are going to do a feature story on the river, -in color. I told Mr. Ross that I would be glad to do the job but he seemed to think that it would be necessary to use the staff photographers. In the course of conversation I gathered that they may use some of Peter Hurd's illustrations for Paul Horgan's book. He ended the conversation by asking me to let him know what I would charge for making an outline for the photographic story, what time of year to be where etc and the alternatives. I did not commit myself to anything over the phone and said only I would be glad to cooperate. As I think about it I get a bit mad. Here would be a feature story which would give a boost to the Horgan-Hurd book and just exactly where would I come into the picture other than giving them all the information it took me four long and hard years to accumulate. So, I am asking your advice as to what to do. I have two or three days in which to answer. If I could land that assignment it wouldn't take too long to hit the high spots at the right time of year.

Right here we are suffering terrific heat and drought beyond all record. 98 yesterday, no rain since the 4th of June, no snow last winter, all water rationed, the country in general burning up.

Navaho work progresses slowly. Will write as soon as I see results from this trip.

If you want to call me on the phone my number is 3-0032. I will send this off airmail special del. at once and hope to hear from you by to-morrow evening or next day.

Greetings,