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Mr. C. Halliwell Duell
Mr. Charles A. Pearce,
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Dear Charles and Cap.

Your letter is a considerable shock and I am at a loss to understand it. First, according to our contract, I was to deliver the Navaho Book by April 1st 1952. When I saw that this was impossible, I advised you to that effect and had your O.K. to proceed until the work was finished. The contract also calls for a book not to exceed 192 pages. I have stayed well within this limit including the foldouts.. I wrote you some weeks ago that I wanted to include a number of double spreads and you answered immediately that you were delighted, that you loved double spreads. If production costs have risen so greatly, surely there has been ample time to give me some warning of this.

I shall, ofcourse, finish the book as quickly as possible, though this upset precludes, I fear, publication this coming fall.

Please return the dummy and portfolio of prints as soon as possible so that I may have them in the event that anything works out in the immediate future. There are several possibilities I have in mind.