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Dear Charles:-

Thank you very much for all the information contained in your letter. I never have known the size of either edition and I did want to know.

I was in La Fonda this morning and the news stand informed me that their last reorder on RIO GRANDE was back ordered by Fred Harvey from Chicago. They must have sold about 200 copies since the sale started. Miss Preston, headmistress of the Potomac School in Washington D.C. was here a short time ago. She uses the book as a text book in her American History class. She bought eleven more copies at La Fonda. I am relieved to know that the book is now back at its \$6. and I hope this sale has stimulated it and the remaining copies will not be long in finding homes.

Did you ever get a copy of Paul Strand's FRANCE? You wrote me many months ago that you were ordering me a copy. I am still most anxious to have it. If you did not get it can you tell me who handles it in New York? It is some house that handles imports but I do not know the name.

My Navahos are in Walter Freese's hands right now. He wrote very enthusiastically about it and said that as soon as their fall books were out of the way they would get down to figuring. I can get the book subsidized but I do want it to stand on its own feet if it is possible. In a few days I take off for, I hope, the final trip on the photography. If Walter turns it down, I will not show it to anyone else until it is completed. It is a great deal farther along than when you saw it in January.

With many thanks, and my best wishes to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,