

January 30, 1941.

Mr. Walter Frese,
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Dear Mr. Frese:-

First, many thanks for the California Calendar. It is lovely and I am delighted to have it. The first books arrived Christmas night to my amazement as all reports were that the mails were so slow. I am delighted with the looks of the book. You have done a most excellent job. The binding is just what I had hoped and is very handsome I think. Most of the reproductions are excellent, one or two are not quite so good, but this may be in just these first few copies, so I reserve any comment here. My own judgement is somewhat stale at the moment and my perspective is too close but other people seem to be delighted with it. Now it remains to be seen what Mr. John G. Public thinks about it. I am more than pleased with all of your end of the job, what criticisms I have are on myself.

May I ask when you are releasing the book in general? Have you fixed a specific date? I want to send out my little folders and should like to have them arrive just about the right time.

In a few days I am sending you the material for a possible book on the Navahos. You may or may not be wanting to think about the future! It is not quite complete as to pictures as there are some I must add, but it is in sufficiently complete form for you to see it.

The war at first has made us all want to stop and go fight I think. But after all things must be kept going and the so called cultural lines will perhaps be the hardest to keep going. But I did get a decided thought of encouragement on Christmas. Someone gave me the beautiful Phaidon Press "Donatello". I went through it several times admiringly from the book makers point of view and then I suddenly came up against a date. "Printed in England 1941". The foreword written "London, January 1941". When one thinks of what England and especially London was taking in January 1941!

What the immediate future holds for me I do not know. I have sent in my application for a photographic job to Washington. At least I could release a young man for service. And I shall always somehow manage to do some of the kind of work I want to do provided I can get the materials.

This brings my good wishes for the New Year and I think that all are wishes ~~show~~"Thumbs Up" and all shoulders to the wheel.

Again my thanks and appreciation for all your good work and the hopes that the coming year will see better sales than we at the moment anticipate.

Cordially