

June 6, 1942.

Mr. Walter Prese,
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67 West 44th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Prese:-

Your letter and the manuscript and pictures for "Denizens of the Desert" came last week. We have noted carefully all that you have said about this possible book, with most of which we agree. The one thing that I feel about Miss Forsters Ms. is that it was the very personal angle that gave such an insight to the Navahos. If this were eliminated, I do not know just what form it could take without turning it into a guide book for the Navaho country. This would require such a complete revision that it would almost need to be begun all over again. However, this is something that need not be gone into at the present time, but when that time does arrive, we can go over it more completely.

I am most anxious to know how the PUEBLOS is going. Would it be possible at this time to have the script sent out for me to see? I will return it a few days time.

For some weeks I have been trying my best at job of some kind in photographic work. So far to succeed in getting turned down either because I am not take a woman, or because I am past 45. This fills me with wrath. However, I presume something will happen. In the meantime I am working very hard in color work. Both seem to me that I have failed to see something

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Will you consider this possibility and let me know what you think so that I may get the work done before gasoline rationing hits us out here. It seems to me that this is a pretty sure venture provided I have material that would make the right book. I shall do my best. Summer sports are getting under way and I should think a group of activities pictures all well as scenic should go into such a book.

Hoping that I may hear from you at an early date on this suggestion, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,