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Dear Walter:-

For several weeks I have been trying to write to you for several reasons. There are times when I wonder if even New York can have higher pressure than out here! I love my calendar as always and thank you for sending it. Your calendars are always lovely and have become a requisit on ones telephone table. Thank you.

I have not followed up our discussion of small book possibilities for several reasons. First I have been so pushed trying to finish my Navaho book and earning a living at the same time; that I have not gotten up to Taos to discuss this with the book store up there, nor have I written to the Southwest Monuments Asso. regarding the Canyon de Chelly possibility. Their headquarters used to be here at the Park Service, but they have been moved to Globe, Ariz. However I have by no means dropped these ideas. I am also wondering about a Southwest Calendar. The population and interest in this region has grown so greatly that I believe a regional calendar would sell an edition; I suppose 10,000. is your figure. Certainly I have had many requests for such a calendar. I think I have almost sufficient material, all unpublished, for a calendar. I would only be interested to do the whole job.

But my immediate problem has been the return of my Navaho book by D.S. & P. saying that it would have to be subsidized for the size of sale they anticipate. I think they are underestimating the interest in the Navaho. Certainly I have done by far the best job I have ever done. An incomplete dummy went in to them early in January. After all the enthusiastic correspondence and all the flattering(?) things said about the dummy, it was a considerable jolt to have it turned down at this stage of the game. However I already have another publisher who wants very much to see it and consider it. Perhaps it should be produced "west of the Mississippi".

With best wishes and again my thanks for the calendar,  
Most sincerely