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Mr. Walter Frese,
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Dear Walter:-

It was good to get your letter and to know that you are still considering the Navaho book. I haven't been worrying about it, only about getting it finished. It is another one of those projects ~~that~~ ~~which~~ becomes more and more involved as it develops. But it really is nearing the end and I am working full force now to try to have it complete by April 1st. For some time I have been planning to come east about then. The news of your proposed trip to Europe interests me greatly and I feel it imperative that I see you before you go if you are giving the book serious contemplation. So would you be so kind as to let me know the approximate time of your departure?

I may or may not have told you that I have the whole Navaho thing in standard color slides. I already have several engagements to show these in the east. The earliest is Apr. 14th in Brynmawr. Before I arrange any other dates I want to know when would be the best time to see you.

If you do not need it for the moment, would you return the portfolio with the good Navaho prints. I need it to complete that first part at any time. The dummy, I do not need as I have another, much changed and added to, but

and nearing completion. My show of Navaho
prints opens at the Washington Museum on
April 17th, and I am to show the color slides
there and some nearby schools that week.

Mr. Walter Frese,

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In the meantime I have about 80 days to complete
the book if that is possible and I am working
very hard on it. Unfortunately I have to stop
every now and then to do jobs to keep the ball
rolling, but at least the end is in sight.

Many thanks for the Virginia Calendar. I always
enjoy these, to say nothing of their usefulness.

With all good wishes for this new year,

Sincerely yours,