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Dear Eliot-

I just obtained another copy of this magazine, which you may have seen; but if not, I do not think it is too late for some Santa Fe conservationists to give an answer to Douglas' article. The number of false statements and distortions of fact in there could only have been supplied to him by a source like the Bureau of Wrecklamation. I doubt that he ever saw Glen Canyon.

You probably have also heard that Fernandina has been active. DeVries and a party reached the rim as the SE rim was collapsing, due to violent earth tremors. Dust within the crater obscured the bottom. When Bob Bowman flew down with the Navy, he and other geologists circled the crater, seeing fire or molten lava, later reported that the lake was still there. At the same time, numerous steam vents appeared on Isabella.

Karl & Fritz have been busy with charters, Karl in the boat he purchased from Bud Devine and reoutfitted. The Beagle was taken to sea and scuttled, a new one ordered from California. Ross Sievert is now operating a radio station at the Darwin station. Castro's wife Susu killed herself, and Miguel Suarez died. So goes the local gossip from F. Nelson.

We hope that your books will be published this fall. I am working on a motion picture of the story of the geology of the Grand Canyon as recognized and interpreted by Major Powell, for the forthcoming Centennial.

Best wishes from

Tad + Mary Jane (Nichols)