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Dearest Bu,

I thought we are in much the same condition as the squirrel on the thinnest branch eating seeds. Only it might not be a matter of balance with us. X
Thank you for agreeing that I shall have a complete set of the Mexican Iffi prints. There are already about enough duplicates to make up this set and I am perfectly satisfied with it. Sanders will bring your new prints for my signature in 2 weeks. They also plan to have a dummy ready for me to see. (of the planned Ringl&Bit portfolio of old black and white photos.) I shall consider the possible bequest to Princeton carefully. In a way they will receive from you the alphabetical separations and so will have the better ones of my crop anyway.

Working on separating our two sets of slides I made fascinating discoveries. According to your handwritten lists you should have 359 slides in the B collection. Actually you have 454 ! The reason is that you must have gotten bored and never listed the roles 57-63. At least not for my copy. But in those listed I also found more that were simply forgotten. I am glad it is not the other way around, as I would hate to have to find them.

In the alphabetical lists you have not put the Q slides in. There are 13 A's and 13 B's . I was happily surprised how easily I could find everything. There is much more method in my madness, than I suspected. I assume, you wont have time to do all this pesky work before you leave?

I find the vacation time approaching with frightening speed and despair of ever getting ready. But that is my yearly cry. I too find creeping age a hindrance. I hope you are well and strong and can take good care of yourself. I don't expect China to be a rest cure. But at what time would that have ever lured you?

With much love

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X-no. refers to human
beings in general!

Whatever happened to the slides, which

are neither A nor B?