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Dear Eliot --

i am amused that you remember the 'cow flop' showed you back in '41. Almost all of Asia depends for household energy, mostly for cooking, on cow- or camel-flaps, and the women always rush out into the roadway and pick them up fresh and steaming to dry out on the sides of their mud oven. They too probably dream about them. My photograph, an 8x10", i reprinted a couple of weeks ago, (1981p/1941n) and you'll be delighted i'm sure to learn that a large field of the cow-flaps is overlaid with a Ford Model T radiator fan. A handsome juxtaposition. (i make l.c. "J's" because the u.c. looks so foreign, like Cyrillic, say).

Referring to the enclosed clippings, i do not know the context of Stegner's comment "...Scenery by itself is pretty sterile", but in my experience and mind most well-considered images, pictorial, photographic, etc., evoke much more than the printed word. Note on p.27 op.cit. the etao in shrdlu on your name; worse than cow-flap, i would say!

Anyway, Win and i enjoyed hearing from you so very briefly and we are pleased to send you herewith our address hoping to hear from you sometime, sooner the better. We're all getting along.

Very little has happened on my portfolio, by the way, the curse of coming onto any market unknown, esp in this field.

So all the best to you both from Win and me.

Cordially,

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