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Mr Relander

Dear Sir;

I guess I had better "throw in my hat", as the old saying goes for I have meant to contact you long ago. As Ingar as no doubt written you we have moved back to Carmel and have just recently gotten my things out of storage after four years.

I hardly knew what I did have in storage in the line of paintings etc. after that length of time. Am still in a very much torn up state, as we are finishing the house ourselves, and am not yet in the groove again on my painting, but hope to get there soon. Indeed I will be most happy to have you visit me if you get down in June. I plan to get at my Indian paintings the first thing, as some of them need some finishing touches and I have a couple that are started that need quite a lot of work.

As soon as I am able to get through my films I am sure also that I have some that might be of interest if you would wish to do an article later as you suggested to Ingar in an earlier letter. I had planned if I was able to get up to Washington later this summer to contact you and have a brochure made of photographs of some of the paintings available for you to see.

My plan has always been to keep the collection of works as a "collection" so they could be permanently hung together at some future date, so have not wished to sell any individual one.

I have always hoped some day some one quite interested in Indians, might wish to leave the collection as a memorial, but I haven't put a price on them yet as they were not completed. I know there are lots of wealthy people who do buy such things and leave them as a memorial, but how to contact someone like that I wouldn't know, being so far away at present.

I left Washington on account of my health (Asthma) which is so much better down here. Also the war interrupted my getting to finish my Indian paintings, as I went to work for Boeing aircraft as an artist at that time.

I was just delighted with the book of yours, that Ingar gave me, and it was so nice to have it autographed by some of the folks up there, as well as yourself. Was sorry to hear that Alec Saluskin was unseated as chairman of the Tribal Council as I always felt he was quite a responsible person, with the good of all at heart.

I am sorry that I am unable to help in the matter of the Priest Rapids man Harry Wyenna, if I saw him perhaps I would, but it has all been so long ago, that I did John's portrait etc. I wish I could.

It was through my dear old friend "Big Foot" (Mr. McWhorter) that I was able to contact John Buck and get over there to do his painting. In fact I do not really know how old John was at the time.

I do hope you will be able to get down in June, it is so much more satisfactory to talk than write and I am sure you will be interested in my scrap book also, as I have quite a number of pictures.

The phone number is under Hal B. Stewart and is 624- 5267 Carmel. We live about five miles south of Carmel just off Highway One in the Carmel Riviera section on a little circle drive above the ocean. There are two new houses together ours has a black and white trailer in the yard.

Hoping to see you in June and that you will please forgive my long delay in getting in touch with you

Sincerely

Mildred D. \$chm Stewart

There are always so many interruptions here. I had to work on the state show at Santa Cruz this year with almost 500 entries - quite a job. Last year I had a portrait of a Taos New Mexico Chief in the show. Have been doing some other Indian paintings beside portraits as I intend some time to have a large one man show.