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Mr. J.H. Gipson, president,
The Caxton Printers, Ltd.,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Jim:

Now that the holiday season is out of the way, and the winter is well spent, I have concluded to drop you a note.

Of course I know you will wish to be refreshed on developments. But they are just too far reaching and have so far over-exceeded any estimates made a year ago, that it would take pages and pages. And you may wish to know of my summer plans. All this of course relates to Drummers and Dreamers.

I had hoped that with some general idea from you, I could have resumed making prepublication payments on advance orders.

I am confident that did you fully realize the great possibilities that you would work things around for the Christmas trade that would hit close to 1,500 copies in the Yakima Valley alone.

I suggest, subject to your approval, thought along the following lines:

1-Serious consideration of publication for the Christmas trade.

2-Return of the manuscript, with setting of an absolute deadline for its return to you, so that essential and far reaching changes can be made at no inconvenience to you. This would also permit me to designate one or more chapters that could be eliminated. By returning the pictures too, and suggesting a definite number, I could weed them down.

I am going to California early in June and it may be that you will wish this attended to before that time, or by July, if you concur.

Then I will be able to resume payments for advance copies and when I have the original sum agreed upon delivered to you, would be able to back you

up with additional payments if you deem desirable. In other words, I wish you to leave nothing to guesswork on your part.

Jim, I am dead serious and it has since been proven that my statements concerning interest in Indian affairs were weak when compared with that which has happened and is now happening.

The woods are loaded with vanity books of poor quality. Before another year there will be quality books on the market.

I do not want you to consider that I wish the manuscript returned for any other reason than to put it in a really enduring shape that will enable you to swing it. And I want you to feel that I will more than keep my bargain as to backing you up so you do not get caught short by any unforeseeable situation.

If you still entertain doubts, and it is necessary to explain things to you so clearly that you will have no misgivings, I would be in a position--depending upon the weather--to make a fast trip to Caldwell, but I do not think that will be necessary.

Hope things have been going well with you and yours.

Sincere Regards

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