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Dear George:

The requisition for your motion picture projector has arrived, and we are giving it due attention. I shall try to see that you get the best machine as per the recommendations of U. S. Film Service.

Marion sent in a copy of the outline which you prepared for her shooting on the cotton story in your region. We were very much pleased with it. It is the general, overall type of thing which is so essential to a photographer's work - yet what is more essential is the kind of attention you have been giving this whole project: contacts, and your own personal direction in the field. I agree with you that something worth while should come out of this if we could keep a photographer at the job long enough. My feeling about this whole thing is that we should continue this clear on into next Spring, trying to get the story in the Delta in all of its phases.

Marion should pretty well clean up the story of the harvest at this time. During the winter and early spring and the summer, she can do the additional things which should give us a pretty well rounded story. I am awfully glad that you helped her get lined up on the cotton pickers. Believe me, this kind of photography will be most useful.

You may rest assured that we will be particularly careful of the plantation photographs that Marion will be getting at Knowlton.

I suggest that as soon as Marion has gone over her first prints, and cleared out those that are of no value to us from a photographic standpoint, she forward the set on to you for your comment and for the running caption which you suggested. This type of caption can be most valuable to us. By all means you should

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have the photographs to work with - there is no reason why you can't have them sent directly to you after Marion has done her editing.

Marion will have to go back into North Carolina fairly soon to get some immediate pictures there. It is my intention to keep her shuttling back and forth between North and South Carolina and the section in and around your region.

I am particularly interested in the Cooperative X-Ray Machine which the doctors in Madison County, Arkansas, have purchased.

If work gets too heavy down there, I could send John Vachon down for a few days to sort of help out. Rothstein should be in here about the first of the year, and perhaps I might let him take a swing in there to do some of the extra jobs.

I suggest now that we print up all of our pictures and get them into your hands while Post is in North Carolina picking up the immediate jobs that have to be done in that section. This will give you a chance to see where the gaps are and by the time she is ready to come back, you can have the schedule pretty well set for her to continue operations in that section.

The case with Mr. and Mrs. Reed and the Saturday Evening Post seems to be moving along. The Solicitor's office gets a lot of letters from the lawyers for the Curtis Publishing Company. How it will come out I haven't the least idea.

Roskam has four of the Rehabilitation panels completed, and as soon as the material is ready and duplicated, we are going to start sending them to the regions.

With best regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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