

[Letter from Alan Lomax to Woody Guthrie, December 13, 1941]

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Mr. Woody Guthrie 130 West 10 Street New York City

Dear Woody:

I have gotten in touch with the people at the Department of Interior and I think they may decide to pay for the making of a fifteen-minute transcription of your songs about the Bonneville Dam. There will be a fee in it for you, of course. I will let you know when anything develops.

I certainly do appreciate your list of informants in West Texas. I've forwarded it on to Father, and I am sure the results will be good. See if you can make these studio people cut their cost for your Pearl Harbor records, since we have practically no money for this project of documenting wartime opinion. I might say that the stuff so far has been very exciting.

Nick always looks happier outside of New York. I will send his address later. Please hurry the record along, since we will be doing our show over the week end.

Thanks for everything, Alan

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