

[Letter from John A. Lomax to Harold Spivacke]

Livingston, Ala. 5/26/1939.

Dear Mr. Spivacke:

1. I am writing today asking the Washington Express office to release the records. It must have looked to you like an attempted hold-up.
2. My blank records are here waiting for me having been forwarded from Merrivale, La. My brain got skittery from too much fast travelling and I had to get a check-up from you. My apologies to you for both slips.
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3. From Drew, Miss., on yesterday, I Expressed you a second batch of records. Please find enclosed receipt.

We are finding some new stuff and re-recording some of the last of the old. The gang work songs, sung in wild abandon, seem definitely gone. I can't find 'em anymore after only 2 years. And the old spirituals are following: Chief causes, I think, the radio and education. Thank you again for your helpful promptness and unfailing kindness.

Always sincerely, John Lomax