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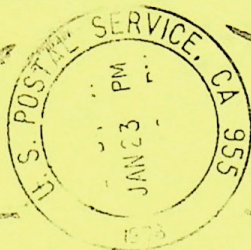
Dear Mr Irwin. Enclosed are pictures
for your Shoshone-Paiute manuscript
and for the Museum to keep. George and
the burro are fine of him 1910 also of Mike
branding the colt - George Gregory holding its
head + George Hanson. I took this 1916 when
we were rounding up their horses and ours
+ branding in the Junction Corral. When
writing of the Cozo Indians - up to the 1910's
they were still putting the old ones off from
camp with a few days of water + grub - + left
to die - there was something about them -
when they made up their mind to die - they
died - last time I know of. When they had
moved in to Darwin in the 1910's and had
their camp in a small wash at edge of Darwin
just off old road out of town - south - to Cozo
+ Junction - in 1913 they put old Mary
who I told of washing in 1900's - out in the hills
to die - we few Darwin folks resqued her - that
was the last time I know about - except
in 1917 when one (I won't mention her name
or descendants are still living) husband died
and of course she could not stay in her

home and the few others would not let her move in with them - she had made up her mind to die - but the others decided to hurry it up and took her up by the old dojuince slag dump where they had brought wood and were going to burn her - one of the little boys came running down - "they are burning?" and the men in town went up and rescued her & we found an empty house & she died there - all happened in 2 weeks and never again that we knew of - cruel - but that was their custom - old & of no further use - kill them - the young ones went to school and assumed the white man's ways faster I believe than any other tribes. The women sewed on machines - made dresses like ours - the men wore Levis and blue denim shirts - George Gregory could get on some roaring drums - ride his horse up & down the main street on the dead run - saddle under his belly - George sitting on the cinch yelling "like an Indian" - we kids would run & hide - but they were fine people - his wife Mamie made beautiful baskets as did others - do enormous washing

3) on the wash board - clean house & iron
1.00 a day - breakfast & lunch some times as
I said before - And by Golly I got the name
of that Coffee - "Arbuckles"! I hope you
like these enclosed pictures - please
share them with Mr. Dawson - he may
want to have copies taken off. Thank
you - I'm trying to please both of you! And
will keep Eldie busy! Rain early and
now sun out and all blue sky. We have
made it up to normal to this date and the
pause will let the rivers recede - little
flooding so far. If I overlooked anything
of Interest on Gregory and Winkle - let me
know - but Silas Ness can tell you much
more of the Saline Valley Indians. Pete
Sam was a "Medicine Man" in early days
but later years not much in that line
that we knew of - a fine man - quiet &
a good worker. I don't know of any people
more honest than our Indians.

Sincerely
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