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Los Poblano's Ranch
Albuquerque, N.M.

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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

The principal cause of delay in your work has been caused by me and by the delay at the school. I didn't mean to have you think that because I wired you and Pat to hurry that I have any feeling in the matter except guilt on my own part. It was better, in my judgment, to go as slow and to take as long as we have taken in order that the book should be as nearly perfect as we can make it. From what Pat says, she believes you have attained perfection, or as near perfection as can be attained. You know Pat well enough to know that nothing is ever or ever will be perfect.

Please don't give the matter any thought other than I am now as always and always will be eternally grateful to you for the way you work with us and for us and the quality of your work and you as an individual. You must always make allowances for Pat's "watchdog of the treasury" attitude of mind.

It was grand that you could get the slides to Helen in New York where she is apparently having several meetings, and I want her to go back to Boston with them before she comes West. When you are through with this job and after my children return East, which will be in another two weeks, don't you think you ought to come down and have a rest with me?

Affectionately yours,

Rice