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Dear Miss Gilpin:

I was mightily ashamed of myself when I came across your letter just now and realized that I had let it lay so long without an answer - this especially because in all probability I have missed the chance of seeing you when you came to Denver.

To my great regret I can give you little information about the things at Chichen which you asked about. I have repeatedly heard that the Castillo stairway is wider at the top than at the bottom, but I never put a tape on it to find out. The Encargado of the Mexican Government was so suspicious that I carefully avoided doing anything which he might construe as nosing into something which was none of my business. In consequence I do not even have measurements of the Ball Court. And the Mercado was only a stone heap in my day. I feel sure that Dr. Morley would be glad, either to answer your questions, or to tell you where the answers are to be found if he does not know them himself.

Both of your forthcoming books sound most interesting and I shall look forward to the time when they come from the press. I am deeply sorry to have missed the chance of seeing the one on Chichen before it went to the printer. If ever things work out so you can, Mrs. Morris and I would be delighted to have you visit us.

Indeed, time brings profound changes to most of us. Sometimes as I look back over the years that have sped, I wonder if it was I or someone else who lived through the kaleidoscope of experience that I review. Those years have slowed me down a lot and have dulled me to many things. But prospects are now bright and I look forward to a decade or so in which to finish some of the things so long ago begun.

It would be a great pleasure to see you at any time.

Sincerely,

Earl Morris