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Mr. Albert G. Simms,
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Dear Albert:-

The color prints have come and are in the mail with this letter. They seem as good as the general run of these commercial prints from transparencies. I am sorry that they did not come in time for me to put them in the portfolio. As a matter of fact when I mailed the portfolio late yesterday afternoon, the notice of their arrival was in my box. But they were sent C.O.D. and the post office cannot accept a check, and as I did not have \$60. in cash in my purse, I had to wait until this morning to get them. I have mounted them on some light weight cards which will go into the portfolio. I send an extra cellophane page, to go in the portfolio.

Your letter also came this morning. I hope that you have not yet sent the print and transparency to the Metropolitan, for, as I said in my first letter, I was holding the best one until I heard from you as to whether you still wished a print made from it. I think you are wise not to order it, for I feel sure that who ever examines it would prefer the original transparency.

I ordered portfolios from three different places. The farthest one was the factory in New Jersey and this was the first one to come. I shall keep at least one in hand for a have had several calls for these. The large sized color films are also ordered from the factory, so perhaps they will come through without too much delay. It is all very discouraging and seems to be the present rule rather than exception. I know just how you feel. The publishers received my completed material for my TEMPLES IN YUCATAN on the first of December 1946. The book was to be out early this fall with out question, for the fall travel in Yucatan and for the Christmas market in this country. It has not yet gone to press. They keep sending me proofs (all needing corrections) and instead of following my earnest plea to send them air

mail special delivery. Instead three times they have come fourth class mail and taken eight days to get here. That counts up to three weeks lost time. I cannot see now how the book can come out before late January or February now. It is very discouraging.

I should have an answer to my letter about the post cards in the next few days, though I strongly suspect that much mail lies in the Santa Fe post office some time before it is distributed.

I do not know what is going to happen to a lot of us if costs keep going up. I have had to increase my prices some, but not in proportion to the cost of materials. The squeeze is very bad, but there are limits. I am glad I know how to do plumbing! I know I could earn a lot more at the trade!

Thanking you for your patience, and assuring you that my end of it all has been done as speedily as was possible, I am

Very sincerely yours,