

Brownsville, Texas.
December 26, 1948

Mr. Paul Gardner, Director
William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art,
Kansas City, 2,
Missouri.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

Your letter of December 10th has finally reached me here. I have been on one last field trip to obtain some final pictures for my book. I am very pleased that you wish to show my prints from this series and I hope that when the time comes you will find it to your liking. As there has been quite a delay in publication, this future date is quite satisfactory. The book was due to appear this winter, but it will now be spring before it is out. As Mr. Wilder had planned for a year to have the first showing of a selection from the entire series, we went ahead with it in November. I'm really glad for the delay as it is making possible this present trip to obtain a number of omissions which I feel are essential to the story. The book, as he may have told you is titled FOLLOW THE RIOGRANDE and consists of some two hundred and fifty photographs telling the story of the river, the land through which it flows, and the people in its valleys. I was more than pleased with the beautiful presentation of the 126 prints shown in Colorado Springs as well as the reception it received. It will be more interesting, however, when the book is available at the same time and I am not booking any further showings until the book is out. My one requirement is that the prints be shown under glass and the coverage of transportation from the last point of showing or to the following one. Duplicate prints will be made for sale, and if you can make arrangements for the sale of the books, it might be worth your while. If you will let me know when you wish to have the exhibition in 1950, I will schedule it for such a showing and see that it reaches you in good shape. Other details can, I am sure, be worked out at a much later date.

Thanking you for your enquiry and hoping that I may even have the pleasure of seeing the prints hung in your beautiful museum, I am

Sincerely yours,

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