

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

FORMERLY FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

12 May 1948

Miss Laura Gilpin
Box 1173
Santa Fe, New Mexico

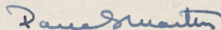
Dear Miss Gilpin:

Since I am not really an expert any more on Maya affairs, I cannot really answer your question about the leap year. However, I should think that your guess is as good as any, and it appeals to me very much. I hope very much that you can bring out a book on other Maya ruins as I feel quite certain that there is need for the kind of publication you have in mind. I am very happy to hear that you have a book on the Rio Grande coming out in the fall, and I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing it.

I have taken up the matter of lantern slides with the proper department in this Museum, and I am sorry to tell you that there probably would be no chance to sell any here, since we do not loan our slides to outsiders and have very few needs for slides within the Museum. Our docent department is unwilling to purchase any. Most of the lectures that are given here in the Museum are given by professionals who bring their own pictures, and nowadays slides are rarely if ever used in lectures because movies have superseded them.

I hope to be in Santa Fe for a few hours this summer about June 18. I hope I shall have a chance to call on you for a few minutes while I'm there.

Sincerely yours,



Paul S. Martin
Chief Curator
Department of Anthropology

PSM:MCN