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Mr. Ed. Hannigan,
U.S. Census,
420 Lexington Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Hannigan:-

Your letter of the 14th reached me late last night, when I returned from the Book Fair at Los Alamos.

I am very glad that you all like RIO GRANDE. It was a wonderful job to do but needless to say quite a strenuous one.

While it is very short notice, I shall be happy to send you an article to reach you by the 28th. At the moment I am going in circles as I must get all my Christmas work finished up before Dec. 1st. I have an exhibition of 125 prints from RIO GRANDE here at the Museum right now and it goes to Dallas Dec. 1st, and they want me to go over with it which means all work finished before I go. I wish you could see this show for it of-course has a quality that the glossy prints used for the book do not have. However, as it is already backing up perhaps it will eventually get to New York.

The book seems off to a wonderful start out here, and I hope will continue. I should like to see it sell well enough to warrant a special limited edition which could be very much better printed. D.S.S.P. felt it necessary to hold this at \$6., and it has suffered to those who know top reproduction. I know what the plates were and what they could have yielded.

Did D.S.S.P. ever submit anything to you for the 1950 annual? They were supposed to. Probably I just didn't up to the grade, but I had hoped you would find something there to use. Perhaps I'll have better luck next year, but with a very strenuous war job from 1942- plus this book to do, I have had little time for other efforts.

Thank you for your request, and I shall try to knock it off soon.

Sincerely