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DE WITT B. MACOMBER
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Dear Laura:

When I first read of your book in the N.Y. Times several weeks ago it explained many things to me.

Not a word have I heard of you since your short sojourn with us back in '44. I think it was - you were on your way to N.Y. with an idea. Is this it?

The little picture of you at the top is so startlingly like your mother. I was amazed.

Are you still now in Santa Fe or was that simply your pied a terre while writing the book? Then cheers for Rosemary!

Have you heard, by the way, that the alumni are trying to purchase the school from C.R.R.? The asking price of \$100,000.⁰⁰ seemed not bad. The drive must be on by this time & I haven't heard whether they got the money or not. \$51,000.⁰⁰ was reported at the 1st report meeting.

Dr. Rich has re-married an attractive divorcee with two grown children & all seems very happy. She was a doctor's wife whom we

knew. He has a house in town but spends the winter at Yeaman's Hall, S.C. as he has retired.

Our family all well - thriving & multiplying. To date we have 8 grand-children with more expected in the spring.

One of the boys is now practicing law in Rochester & lives in the back half of our house. The older boy, Al, an architect, is also working here. Dorey Ketyl is the only one away from home - They live in Lancaster Pa - but spend their summers with us in Nantucket.

Ralph Gardner has been real sick all fall following pleurisy. They finally used a bronchoscope on him most successfully. A large lump of calcified mucous was broken up which seemed to be the entire source of his trouble.

Ralph (Kitch) & Virginia, his wife, spent several weeks ^{in the summer of '48} "hunting" around Colorado Springs as far west as our old ranch in

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Rio Blanca County where we still
own the mineral rights. Did you
ever hear of a man named ^{out there} Lou Dick?
he owns the ranch & is promoting oil.

If you head back east with another
idea, or if you merely head back do
stop a bit with us. Now that the brood
has grown we have always lots of room
& it would be a real joy to see you. I find
that old friends are few & far between
& the relationship has much to commend it.

With the best of luck, affectionately

Dorothy -

I'll let you know how much I enjoy
the book. From the reviews, & having
seen no more than the Grand Canyon
of the Colorado
it has great possibilities -