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Dear Mr. Johnston:-

It gave me great pleasure to see that you had been awarded the medal from PSA. My congratulations and all good wishes. You well deserve it. I only wish that you were coming to this country again and that you could see the Southwest at another time of year. It gives me a sense of satisfaction that I urged you to come to the west at the time of year that you did in the face of discouragement from others. I know you enjoyed that trip.

At very long last my RIO GRANDE, RIVER OF DESTINY is finished and well launched. It gave me pleasure to send you copies of this, my TEMPLES IN YUCATAN, and also the copy of THE PUEBLOS which you requested for the Society so long ago. The RIO GRANDE was a tremendous undertaking, and took all my energies, resources, and time for nearly four years. It is going very well and I am pleased to say that the second edition will be underway very shortly. While the reproductions leave much to be desired, they are on the whole pretty good, especially for a book selling at the price that this one does. I have an exhibition of 140 prints from it, in circulation at the moment. It makes an interesting exhibit, I hope, as the subject matter has such great variety. Then I have added variety by size of print, with a few subjects which need size, enlarged to 16x20. Will you be so kind as to send me an entry blank for the R.F.S. fall exhibition? I should like to send four of these prints over to you.

I had intended to have this letter follow the books in a few days, and now it is a matter of weeks. Life seems to be very busy when one earns a living by photography and tries to do books etc. as well. I hope the books reached you in good order.

This brings my very best wishes to you, and once more my personal appreciation for all that you have done to further the interest of photography.

Most sincerely