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Dear Ruth:-

The book is found! I had a notice from the Dallas postoffice which had to filled in and signed. Something made me take it in to the Postmaster's office instead of giving it to a clerk. The individual who handled lost mail spoke up and said he remembered the book because it was about Fray Marcus! It seems that the label came off and there was no identifying mark whatever. So it had been sent to the dead letter office from which it was quickly (almost too quickly!) returned. It came last night. Labels coming off doubtless accounts for two RIO GRANDES which went astray.

Have never heard anything more from Miss Allen. I am sorry if she does not understand about breaking up my show. It isn't fair to the book or the river to segregate one part. I will gladly send a smaller show, but it must have a certain number of prints from each major division.

Did you see the review in the SATURDAY REVIEW? I am tickled pink to make the grade. Lots of reviews etc. keep coming in and at last I hear from headquarters that sales have passed 3500. and going strong. This is good news indeed. It means about 1000 a month. And the Saturday Review should give it a push too. Mr. Pearce says they expect a long and steady life for the book.

I am thinking a lot about Guerrero. Believe that I will take a chance on selling an article and pictures and go down about the end of February. Would like to catch the spring bloom all down that way and come home via the Big Bend again. I just can't leave that river alone! If you hear any news about the progress of the dam do let me know, or should you see an article anywhere, do let me know.

I hope your trip to Fountain Valley will not get you there at their Spring vacation, but perhaps that can't be helped.

This brings my best wishes to all of you

Most sincerely