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Mr. Joaquin Ortega,
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Dear Mr. Ortega:-

I am indeed sorry to hear that you have had the flu. It is a miserable business and I trust that you are much better and well on your way to recovery.

The title "Faith" is perfectly good for the first picture. For the Sands, I think I prefer "Sand Patterns" if you agree. Titles are difficult indeed, and in the past I have been accused of waxing over poetic. The result seems to be that I have resolved into simple statements of fact. As a matter of fact, while I was working on the picture in question, it was the forms I was interested in and the way in which the forms were completely eliminated by shadow. The same pattern of forms actually exists in the big shadow but are invisible when the contrast of the light and shade is gone. To get the word "Forms" into a title is difficult and I think "Sand Patterns" is good enough.

It was a great pleasure to have you with us the day you came through Santa Fe.

No I have not seen the review in Americas. But I imagine that they will send me one as they were kind enough to do so a few months ago when my "Temples in Yucatan" was also reviewed in that magazine. I shall look it up here. It is kind of you to offer to send me yours, but I am sure you like to keep those on file and I can see it here or send for one.

Cordially

Will you kindly enter my order for six extra copies of the Review? I have relatives in the east who will want to see this.