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Dear Mr. Eckhart:-

Your nice letter came a week ago. I have been trying to get in touch with the best authority here in Santa Fe which I only accomplished yesterday. This is E. Boyd, authority on Spanish Colonial matters. She tells me she knows about you and the work you are doing on the early churches. She refers to the map made by Nicolas de La Fora in 1766 for the publication "En Relacion del viaje que hizo a los Presidios Internos." She says that the original map is in the British Museum and that photostats are obtainable. She has a copy. Julimes is on this map as well as others. If you do not know this map you should certainly see it. The whole book is in the library of the University of Texas at Austin. E. Boyd thinks you would have no trouble in getting a photostat from the British Museum. Perhaps she could have this one she has recopied, though one direct from the original would be better. I should think you should have it in connection with your work on this.

At the time that I was working on my RIO GRANDE, I did not dare get myself involved in too many side issues, as interesting as they were. It was so difficult to eliminate material as it was, to condense my material into one book. It should have been done in two or three volumes really. I remember my visit to the Presidio area very vividly. A friend who was with me and I crossed the Conchos on a raft in my car, and there were moments when I wondered if we would make the other side! We found the little town of San Francisco entrancing and we wanted to follow up the Conchos. But as my efforts had to be held to the RIO BRAVO we went no further than just along the Mexican side of the river.

There is (or was) a Judge Canales in Brownsville who was greatly interested in the history of the region. He might be of help, but I think you will find all the missions marked on this LaFora map.

I hope this will be of some help to you, and I should be most interested to see all your collection.

My regards to the Cohns when you see them, and best wishes for your undertaking.

Sincerely yours,