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Dear Miss Gilpin,

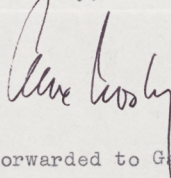
Of course you were right about River of the Arid Land. It fits the Rio Grande, whereas the pretentious River of Destiny could apply to a hundred rivers, from the Rubicon to the Hudson.

I shall be very much interested in seeing your Enduring Navaho (a good title).

My book will be out in September. The subtitle, which the publisher did not like, is Life for the Desert. I don't know what we can do about publishers. Back in August my wife and I recommended to Garrard that you be asked to check my manuscript. There was no reply. Instead, they wrote to Horgan, who was too busy and recommended Fray Angelico Chavez of Guadalupe Church, Pena Blanca. He caught some errors (and changed the spelling of Santa Anna to Ana), and he wanted my reports on the treatment of the Indians softened--a suggestion that I did not accept.

My wife and I were in Santa Fe in 1962 for a pack trip into the Pecos wilderness area, and we are looking forward to another trip to the southwest--the part of the country I care most about. It would be a great pleasure to meet you, whenever we get there.

Sincerely,



Your invoice is being forwarded to Garrard.