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Dear Mr. Crosby:-

First, many thanks for your check which came last night. What a check with a picture on it!

I have been through your mms several times, marking several things I questioned, so to be ~~certain~~ certain I have gone to Mrs. Lambert of the Museum of New Mexico, to verify these points. So I will list them here. I find the mms. interesting and smooth but there is some confusion about the early Indian culture in this region.

Galley proof 4. lines 6 & 7.

you have just spoken of towns along the Rio Grande Valley. These houses we made of adobe bricks and mud plaster. No stones here. There are some to the west but not in the river valley. From Taos down through Isleta in northern New Mex. the Pueblo villages are adobe built.

Galley proof 6. line 5.

again a question of where you refer to.

line 9.

"..on the face of cliffs". It is a mistake to refer to the ruins at Mesa Verde as "a pueblo." These are all cliff dwellings, built by Pueblo people. of These buildings are made of stone, but are in caves not "on the cliffs."

Galley proof 6.4th Par.

This seems to refer to far west of the Rio Grande Valley.

Next paragraph

Wouldnt it be better to say life of the early Pueblo Indians. It is well known whey left. The great drought of 1276 to 1299, drve the Mesa Verde People down to the river. Some went

west, some south and a few east. This was all proved by Dr. Douglas' tree ring chronology some twenty five years ago. The buildings at Bandalier could have been Mesa Verde People. The Hopi are in all probability. The scientists have divided the early Pueblo culture in to Phases I, II & III. These followed the Basket Maker People.

Sort of sorry you have quoted Horgan here for he evidently did no research on all this early phase. The Museum People here tell me none of them were called on to check his material.

Galley proof 6. Next to last praragraph. There is no evidence that religion had any bearing, other than the prayers for rain. The tale of the Pecos serpent is pure myth, no scientist gives it any credence.

Galley 7.

Most of the migrations were on the west side of the continental divide, though some did come over to the Rio Grande.

Galley 12. Par. 4

I am sure you must have information on Gov. Armijo, I have never read of the bribe, but this is doubtless my ignorance.

Galley 15.

You do not mention that Santa Fe was also captured by the Confederate Army.

Here are the titles of three good books or phamplets on the subject of prehistoric Indians of the S.W.

Prehistoric People of the Northern Southwest

by Dr. J. Bon Wheat. (University of Colo.) 1955
Grand Canyon National Park. Buletin No. 12.

Digging inot History

by Paul Martin
Chicago Natural History Museum. Anthropology
No. 38 1959

Prehistoric Indian of the Southwest

by Dr. H.M.Wormington

Colorado Museum of Natural History. Denver
pop. series No. 7. This is still used as a
text book.

I am afraid I have suggest quite a few changes and at this late stage, but perhaps you can rewrite certain lines so that they will fit in. Ofcourse Father Angelico would want you to soften the Spanish behavior. He is a direct descendant of one of the earliest families. It is all fact so why change it.

When you mentioned the spelling of Santa Anna, my mind jumped to the Pueblo of Santa Ana here a few miles north of Albuquerque. The Pueblo is spelt with one "n", but I am sure you are right about the General.

I do hope all this will be of some use to you and not too upsetting at this stage of production. If you make these changes without too much difficulty, they would add to the authenticity of your book. Many of the best authorities are here at this Museum.

The best of luck with your book, and I hope that all will go well.

Sincerely yours,