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Dear Miss Kiker;

Thankyou very much for your letter of July 7, which came this morning. My correspondence is always very far behind, so you need not apologize to me. I did not know that Steve Rice was no longer with you. This means that there is no one left, as far as I know, on your staff with whom I was acquainted several years ago. I trust my order for the 5 books will be here very soon, as people are coming in now every day. I am not in competition with the bookstores here, but frequently people come either after hours and are leaving town early the next morning, or are here on Sunday, and I am glad to have a few copies here to fill such demands.

I am sorry to add once more that I hear only constant criticism for the new book jacket. Mr. and Mrs. Owings of California were here a few days ago, and they were really distressed about it. Since it was Mr. Owings who made it possible for 9 of the color pictures to be in the book, I think you ought to know this and I hope that if, as and when, the book goes to a 5th printing, we can go back to the original jacket. The pictures on the new jacket with the cut-out and false background contradict all my effort on the inside of the book, which is the people in their environment. I have not yet said anything about the end-papers; I am very happy to have those in the book at long last, and I like the design for these. But I also regret that the end-papers of the faces