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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

It was good to hear from you.

Rosemary and I were distressed that we missed the trip to Santa Fe. I am glad to report that she has recovered from her illness which was really quite frightening. It was learned that she had become violently allergic to dogs. This has meant the banishment of poor old Stanley from our home, really a traumatic experience, but I had to choose between them.

Royalty statements should have gone out in October, but, for reasons too complicated to detail, they were delayed. They will go out, accompanied by checks, this week. This statement will give you the picture of the number of copies sold. I expect a long life for The Enduring Navaho; we shall certainly keep it in print as long as there is any appreciable demand for it.

As Dave Gilbert told you, we are experiencing a rough time financially, and all our publication funds are dangerously low. As soon as we recover from that condition (and I am confident that we will) I shall recommend to our Board that we undertake a new edition of the Rio Grande book. I should like to use the new Meriden duo-black process which we employed in the case of Pueblo Architecture. Just give me a little time.

The Canyon de Chelly book sounds wonderful, and I know we would be happy to publish it. I think the National Endowment for the Humanities would be worth a try for a grant. I expect to go to Washington before long to look into the NEH program and I shall discuss specifically the possibility of getting support for your work. Can you send me a copy of your Guggenheim application? It might help me.

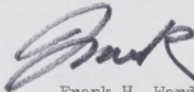
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I'm sorry about Miss Forster but I am sure it was inevitable. Rosemary faces a similar agonizing decision where her mother is concerned.

Affectionate good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank', written in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

Frank H. Wardlaw
Director

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cc: David Gilbert