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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

Our financial situation continues to be extremely difficult (as is the case with nearly all university presses), and we are having to play our cards very close to our chest. I have had very much on my mind the proposed new edition of your Rio Grande book which I want very much to do for a variety of reasons. We have shelved it not for lack of interest but because we haven't had enough capital in hand to meet existing obligations. However this fall we are publishing a book which promises to be one of our best money-makers yet, The Schiwetz Legacy. If it performs as advance sales lead us to believe it will, we will be able to breathe much easier.

At any rate I am now ready to recommend to our Faculty Advisory Committee that we offer you a contract for the Rio Grande book and proceed with its publication. I have to back my recommendation with several appraisals of the book and have written to two people who know and admire it and who probably will give us good letters. If you could send us copies of several major reviews which we can xerox for the Committee, that will help too. Also if you think of anybody we might ask about it, let me know.

I hope you haven't given up on us and have made arrangements

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for publication elsewhere. I would certainly understand it if you did, but I would be disappointed. I am sure you know that we'll do as fine a production job as we can.

Rosemary and I had a wonderful month on the beach at Pawley's Island, and I returned much refreshed in body and spirit.

Affectionate good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Wardlaw
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