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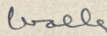
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Dear Laura,

It was nice getting your long newsy letter about the experiences in Washington, and I am glad everything turned out so well. You will certainly need more gasoline than the Colorado Springs Ration Board will allow you. As a great deal of your territory will be in New Mexico and New Mexico will play a large part in the book, I am writing to Ellis Bauer, who was Head of the Ration Board in Santa Fe, to get a reaction as to the possibility of their supplying a considerable amount of extra gasoline for you should you make a request. Experiences with Chester Bowles, I have heard, have often proved unsatisfactory because I believe it has been the policy to let the local boards handle the situations themselves whenever possible. We can always use this as a last resort, however. I am sure Mr. Duell will be glad to write to him, if necessary.

I am checking up to see what this soil conservation book on the Rio Grande region covers.

Sincerely,



Walter L. Goodwin, Jr.

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