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Miss Laura Gilpin  
c/o Mrs. Frank Gilpin, Jr.  
524 Fourth Street  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Laura,

Mr. Duell has left for England for a very quick trip but did get a chance to glance through your manuscript before he left. He was very enthusiastic about it, and I think I wrote you of my reaction when it first came in.

What we wanted to do was to really analyze the work you have done on it and if there were instructive suggestions that we could make, give you these in a detailed letter. We are now working up a report along these lines and it will go off to you as soon as the material is accumulated which is to be included. Manufacturing problems as well as editorial ones will be considered, and I hope that this may be of some real assistance to you in completing the work.

The inclusion of a piece on Chihuahua would not only be picturesque but I think a real contribution to the story. My fear of getting the manuscript too big, trying to cover too much and thus running up the cost too much from the point of view of making the book, may be realized, but this is the type of thing we wish to solve in giving you a full report. At the present time, we are only able to reiterate our enthusiasm--mine as well as the others.

I was glad to get Brenda Putnam's reaction, which was likewise enthusiastic. It was nice seeing her. We had a few minutes in the office here and I hope we run across each other again. The manuscript will be returned to you in care of Mrs. Frank Gilpin with the report as soon as it's available.

I understand you've had more snow out there recently, but it may be too late for your purposes this year.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely

DUELL, SLOAN & PEARCE, INC.

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