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Dear Laura:

I have got to dig up some further information on your earlier letter regarding the questions asked, but in the meantime I must acknowledge your letter of early December.

I would like to see Elizabeth Forster's Navaho book if you really think it is something worthwhile. There is a present reinterest in the Indian because of recent publicity, but whether it is permanent or temporary I don't know. With another election year coming up, every little controversy has to be aired.

For the immediate present we are aiming at the fall of 1948, not the spring of 1948, for publication of your Rio Grande book. It is too big a thing to try to push through quickly and I realize this more and more as I look at the six volumes, although there are only five of manuscript and one extra, but it is still quite an undertaking.

To go over some of the questions in your last letter, I never liked the Cross of the Matyrs either, and for all of the years I spent in Santa Fe I think that the whole march on Fiesta Night was spoiled by the concrete casting.

Another letter will follow soon, but if it doesn't come before Christmas, the best of luck to you and the season's greetings.

Sincerely,

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