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Dear Laura:

I am leaving here with Mary and Liza, our little ten-year-old girl, on Thursday the 10th and should be in Brownsville on the 15th, the following Tuesday. We might get in the day before but I think that is a pretty close squeeze. If you can line up something for us in one of the tourist camps, please do so, as I had not thought of it being as crowded there as you say. The stopover will necessitate staying in Brownsville or fairly near by, and originally I hadn't counted on this when we first planned the trip. However, I want to spend a full day or a day and a half with you. I am bringing down six volumes of the manuscript, the dummy, any proofs made so far, the additions and your letters. Also I will bring enough blank sheets to make up a new dummy and I think between us we can work out something that will be completely satisfactory. I know talking with you is so much easier than by correspondence and I am looking forward to this necessitated time for work on the book.

Our plan is to go down to Guadalajara and stay in the Fred Leighton's house, and come up through Santa Fe. Mother's house in Santa Fe was sold to Mamie Maedors to whom she had promised it if at any time she did want to sell, and we followed out her wishes on this. Henriette Harris has done a wonderful job in making the inventory and selling the furniture, but there may be a few details left which I would like to clear up while I am there.

It would have been nice to think of you in the house and I can see where it would have been ideal, but Mamie Maedors owns the property next to it and she has always been afraid of lack of protection if Mother had sold it. It is perhaps better this way.

Can I reach you at the new address 503 East Levee Street, Brownsville, by telephone, as I will leave this address at the office here if they need me for any information? I also will want to get in touch with you as we make our progress over the country to let you know the exact time of our arrival and to see if a place for the night in Brownsville is available. Would you wire me collect about this if you can so that I could receive it Wednesday the 9th before I leave?

Right now we are all excited about getting off.

Sincerely,

Wally

Walter L. Goodwin, Jr.

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