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Dear Laura:

The first two volumes came in, with the replacement pictures sent later. I have read through the whole text and it seems to run along well, and I believe such changes as have been made are real improvements.

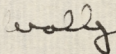
The title question still bothers us. Because of the Paul Horgan book coming out with the Rio Grande title, we should have a different one for your book. RIVER OF DESTINY would be my choice of the selections but this rings a bell and I believe it has been used. We are checking now to see when and what kind of book. Rio Grande has to be in the title and I think RIVER OF DESTINY: THE RIO GRANDE is better than using THE RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE which is confusing because it implies that there is more than one Rio Grande.

The Mr. Brandt next to you must be Mr. Joe Brandt who was president of Henry Holt. He was supposed to be "in hiding" someplace - whereabouts unknown. What a small world it is! I have met him but can't say that I know him.

I am working up a sample layout page on the 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ trim size. It looks well and will make a practical printing size. We are breaking our necks to keep the book at \$6.00 as this seems to be an important price to keep. Mr. Duell, in his trip West, ran across many pleas and complaints for the lower price and against the higher. Among the people that know the book through you, and perhaps in Santa Fe and Texas, the price may not make the difference that it would in areas less associated directly with the river. We will get a decided reflection in the sale if we get the price up too high.

When you motor East why not leave your car with us out in Bedford and stay there yourself except for the trips that you may want to take in town? I know that you will want to be with Miss Putnam for some time, but I am hoping that we can make it easier for you if you will leave your car with us and we hope to see more of you if you do so. This is something for you to think about, but Mary and I would both love to have you stay with us if you can. Try the commuter's life, in other words.

Sincerely,



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