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Dear Laura:

Many thanks for your long and interesting letter of October fourteenth. We were particularly pleased to get the details about the McCombe book and to know that Dr. Kluckhohn feels that there is "practically no overlap." Even so, the unforeseen and unforeseeable delay in your own activities and plans may turn out to be all for the good, at least insofar as this "competition" is concerned. Otherwise, we naturally share your disappointment that the work has not gone more easily and smoothly. But what does these days?

In any case, CHD and I are quite convinced that it's much better for you to take the necessary time to do the book right than it would be to make any effort to push it ahead despite obstacles.

We have not had any specific news from Walter Goodwin for some time, but I think -- and this is more or less in the family -- that he will be going into government work. He has apparently been just as busy with his affairs as we have been arranging so many details in our transition period before the full operation of the new DSP-Little, Brown arrangement gets to work -- which, incidentally, will make our lives much more easy, bright, civilized, and (one hopes) generally useful.

After Christmas we'll hope to see the first fruits of the Navajo harvesting. Meantime, don't be working too hard or worrying too much.

About Aspen -- I don't know why, but both Charlie and I feel vaguely anti-Aspen, as undoubtedly we shouldn't, knowing as little as we do of its aims and methods and people. But I could not now make plans as far ahead as next September. Too many things keep happening too fast. I certainly wouldn't mind going there as an observer and member of the audience, if circumstances allow it, but I doubt that I'd ever get around to

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make any formal contribution to one of these conferences.  
Well, there's plenty of time to see about that. Meantime,  
I hope that sixty is treating you right.

Yrs.,

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