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Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Taking you up on your kind offer to autograph one copy of your beautiful "Rio Grande: River of Destiny", I decided to order another, and prevail on you to put your signature in two of them at the same time. Hope you don't mind.

The two books are for El Pasoans of very long standing, who share "our" appreciation of your subject. One is for Mrs. A.P. Coles, and I would appreciate your mentioning her name. The other is for two members of the same family who are now living in Caracas. They are Billy and Eleanor Coles, and I am sure would be charmed if you would also mention their names in the autograph.

I am enclosing a postage slip which you can use to cover the one used on the package, and postage for the package to be mailed to me. Also, I hope you will see that my praise of your book was outspoken and sincere, from the accompanying review, which appeared in an issue of The El Paso Times. Incidentally, when the Junior League staged a Book Fair of Southwest books last fall, "Rio Grande" was one of those most remarked on.

Most gratefully yours

Marian Howe Broadus

Mrs. Francis C Broadus