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Dear Laura:

I have now checked carefully and have the following quite sober report from our shipping department in regard to Dr. Fisher's order for THE RIO GRANDE:

"I have carefully searched our files and can find no order from Dr. Reginald Fisher of the Santa Fe, New Mexico Art Museum for copies of RIO GRANDE. I do know that if an order came to us it would have been filled promptly. I can, therefore, only think that the order went astray which is rather unlikely or that Dr. Fisher had perhaps asked one of his staff to order copies and they failed to do so. I know it is hard to get an author to believe that a publisher isn't always at fault but we certainly have many cases where the wrong information has been given to an author. Certainly if Dr. Fisher will tell us either direct or through Miss Gilpin how many copies of his book he would like to have, I will see that they get out promptly."

I am sorry to hear of your friend's illness and other delays which have put off your trip East. Please be sure to let me know as soon as you decide just when you are coming.

My very best,

Charles

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