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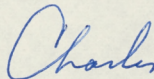
Dear Laura:

It is good to hear from you, even if a little indirectly. As you surmise, this all results from your letter to Mr. Bohen, President of Meredith Publishing Company, and the preliminary response sent you by our immediate superior in our wonderful new affiliation, Jack Barlass, Vice President and Director of Meredith Press.

I think you know that I greatly regretted our having to let THE RIO GRANDE go out of print, and that I have hoped ever since that we might find an adequate market to warrant reprinting. It is now more than ever, with our greatly increased sales facilities, my hope that a new printing may be undertaken -- perhaps next year. Unfortunately, our relationship to Meredith and its newly organized Meredith Press is so unproved at this point that I cannot feel justified in the substantial expense of planning an immediate printing. I do assure you, however, that your book stands close to the top of our list of books which we hope to reprint at a later date.

Very best wishes,

Sincerely,



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