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Dear Wally:-

The three remaining volumes and one book of alternate material are already on their way to you and I trust will reach you safely. On the first of August I thought I had less than a week's work to do, and here at the end of more than three, it isn't yet absolutely wound up, for the glossary has yet to come as well as a suggestion for a jacket. There is also one more picture I must add which I hope to do to-morrow. Albuquerque. It just can't be left out. It took me a long time to click as to what to do, but I am after it to-morrow and it will follow as quickly as possible. Also I was not at all satisfied with either picture of Santa Fe, and all week have been poised for flight, but now that the book is done, the heavens have opened and deluges have been pouring down, and at long last the drought is broken. The first good early morning or late afternoon light will see me in the air after this final picture, for it can only be done from the air. Otherwise, Santa Fe looks just like one of the little villages. You will find in the back of Volume V the thirteen, or rather twelve, small prints which I am suggesting for decorations on the title pages of each section, and a final tail piece. I seem to be missing anything adequate for Texas. I shall get this next week as I must go up to Colorado Springs to attend to some business there. I had planned at first to put the buffalo skull there, for that is where I found it, but it really belongs with the San Luis Valley section, so I shall find something else for the Region of the Gorge.

I do hope that Oscar Ogg can do the lettering for the jacket and the maps. He will do a beautiful job on them. I can send on other maps for his use, my crude ones are just to indicate what I should like to have on them, and I suppose that the end papers should be a complete map. I do hope that you will find that the whole thing flows, both pictures and text, and ofcourse I await the verdict.

I have just written a note to Mr. Duell, in which I have said that I shall hold myself in readiness to come on when you need me. Because most of the experts on all this material live out here, I have done a very careful checking job. While there are many omissions in all the historical parts, I hope that you will feel that the

that you will feel that the back bone is there. I have not given a whole list of all the people to whom I am indebted, if you think I should, I will make it out. It is quite a list, and once you start that you have to get everybody.

As you doubtless know, Paul Horgan is doing the Rio Grande for the Rivers of America series. With the best information that I have been able to get via the grape vine, his is not finished. I hope that the books will compliment each other, but just the same, I'd like to out first! I am sorry for him for all the reading and study he will be doing on this intricate historical problem.

Perhaps I should add, that I have not gone to "the leading citizen" in each community to find "the best" of this and that. I went about it very quietly and unostentatiously in order to get next to the simple people which is the way I see this book. I have purposely refrained from large heads, as they are out of scale with the river. Even so, there are two that are too large, Old Mrs. Pfeiffer and the Southwest Customs Patrol. Each of those should be reduced to hold the heads comparatively to the size of the prospector or the potato farmer for example.

I hope you will think the photography holds up. There are some weak spots I know, but they were due to difficult or unfortunate conditions, and they are included because they are necessary for the story.

Saturday, I go up to Colorado Springs, to be there, four or five days, possibly one or two more. I have much other work waiting which I must be at as my pocket book is very slim. Should you wish to reach me there, and probably an answer to this should go there, send it care

Mrs. S.B. Robbins, 423 N. Cascade Ave. Colo. Springs.

It has been good to see your mother, and on the whole I think she looks pretty well and seems to be standing the summer satisfactorily, and she is certainly having a good time. I only hope she hasn't built your expectations up too high, for she was so very enthusiastic over the prints, and I hope that you will all not have too many criticisms to make, but let me have them whatever they are, and if there are things to do over, say the word.

I hope that you had a nice vacation and that the heat has let up in New York. Since the rain commenced here it has been cool enough for open fires.

You know how I shall be awaiting your verdict, but after your extended patience, mine would be inopportune to say the least if it were too active!

Most sincerely