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Dear Wally:-

Your letter came yesterday and I trust that both the two volumes and my letter have already reached you. Yes, the darkroom is functioning, but there are still cupboards to build and things to fix, but they must wait until the last two books are off to you. Here are the three prints I referred to, Nos. 11, 13 & 92. You will find a big improvement I know. Now there are a few to remake in the last two volumes, still work in re-arranging the text and it will finished, or will it? I begin to feel that it never will!

Two days ago, I finally got around to asking my neighbors in to tea. They have turned out to be very charming people by the name of Brandt (I am ashamed that I don't know the first name) publisher of New York! I dare say you know him. I also had as guests Faith Moon, her mother Mrs. Bemis and Elinor Gregg. In the presence of all I gave Mr. Brandt the two titles of the book as of the moment for his choice. He chose yours for permanence (he did not know which was yours and which was mine). He then went on to say that the river deserved an epic title. We then moved into the studio and I showed him some of the prints. He turned to me and said, "you've got to get the right title, you haven't done any work yet. Get busy and write down thirty or forty and you will find it."

For two days my brains have been agiled with forced thinking and this morning he came over and handed me the following:- (but first he felt a sub title necessary.)

THE GOOD PROVIDER: Rio Grande, breadwinner of Three Worlds.

MAKER OF GOOD EARTH: Rio Grande, breadwinner of the Southwest.

THE RIVER OF DESIRE: Rio Grande etc.

The last clicks with me with a slight change. I have been trying to get RIO GRANDE into the main title. Now I suggest
RIVER OF DESIRE
Rio Grande del Norte.

How does this appeal to you? At any rate he has started a new train of thought. I do think that the main title should have the word "river" in it. And the more I think about RIVER OF DESTINY the better I like it. But I shall keep trying. I also like MAKER OF GOOD EARTH, but I prefer a title with the word "river" in it. I am just afraid that RIVER OF DESTINY has been used before. Had it? Anyhow I hope that this is a step in advance.

Hastily