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Dear Charles:-

I certainly haven't wanted to go off half cocked about the RIO GRANDE. A series of perhaps misinformation have led up to it. First in Feb. finding the book on sale at LaFonda for \$2. Then in Colorado Springs before I heard from you I was greeted with a remark from the sales counter at the Art Center, "We are certainly sorry to hear that the RIO GRANDE is out of print". Then the Marlboro add in the Saturday Review which I had always been told was a remainder list. Then the American Book Sales Co. man was here and told one book store that they had bought up the remainder of the edition and it would soon be out of print as they had only 250 copies left.

Had I heard from you before all this broke loose, and had I ever known how many copies there were in either the first or second editions, I could have added it up myself. Your first letter came only after I had heard a lot of this from other sources and certainly both stores here and one in Colo. Springs considered the book "remaindered". I am glad to know that everybody was wrong. I have felt somewhat bewildered about it all and haven't known quite what to think.

I have not meant to be so long in answering your last letter, but Elizabeth Forster who is here with me had an emergency operation the first of the week and our little household has been very much out of gear. She had to have an eye removed, which is not a pleasant thing to have happen to one. But everything is all right and she is recovering rapidly.

I am awaiting the first good day for the flight to complete the first section of the Navaho book and then it goes in to Walter Freese. I also have a bit of text ready so it is in better shape than when you saw it.

Wishing both you and Cap a Happy Easter, I am

Very sincerely yours,