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Dear Laura Gilpin:

I think your Rio Grande book is a real accomplishment. You give the reader the impression of the immensity of the district it covers, and you have taken him into the little known by-paths and shown him the real magnificence of the country, and its wide and exciting contrasts.

Being an old hand at bookmaking, I know what you have gone through to bring this volume to completion...both the pleasures and the grief, and I think it now stands as a very handsome monument to your very fine talents.

Walter Goodwin and DS&P have given you a handsome job of bookmaking, and I was especially happy to see that the reproductions are so good ... its uncommon these days.

Sincerely,

Merle Armitage