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Dear Betty & Bill:-

Thank you so much for your letter which I have been trying to answer for a whole week. I am having a hard time keep up with matters right now. It was a great disappointment not to see you again. I phoned several times, but was unable to reach you; you were doubtless off on a nice jaunt and were not yet home. The summer was a very hectic one for me. I went to Denver to get my cousins and bring them down. Then spent a very busy ten days showing them the country and trying to get work done at the same time, with the result that the very day they left I came down with a flu bug and spent a week in bed. By the time I was around again, you had gone. So I am still trying to catch up.

The Rio Grande will be out October 17th as you may be aware by now. The publisher's couldn't extract a preface from the binders to deliver books in time to get them out here by Sept. 20th. I think October a better time anyway, people are more in the mind for Christmas. I have been dumbfounded to see Sept 25th copy of the N.Y. Herald-Tribune book review. Duell, Sloan & Pearce have given me a full page announcement. I deeply hope the book warrants much faith as that. So now we will see.

My show goes up here Nov. 6th. Then Dallas I think though nothing is definite there yet. Kansas City is not until June. So if you want it in Wichita how would April do? I am adding to it, the new work I did last winter so that it will have 150 prints, mounts 16x20. You can cut it to fit your space. I hope I am solving the problem of hanging it decently here, thanks to the generosity of my cousin who is financing it. I am going to get Celotex panels, calamine them, hang these from those grooves at the museum here, and then put them under glass on the panels. This will permit nice groupings, using two levels in places. Then I already have the plaster letters for the divisions and subdivisions of the book which make the show nice and subdivided in presentation. Later, I will send you a print or two of the Colo. Springs show, to show you how wonderfully it looked there.

I do hope that Tommy is better. Have you ever thought of Colorado Springs and the Cheyenne Mt. School, a public school, just out of town and with a wonderful reputation. If you could find some place for him to live nearby, it would be much cheaper than any boarding school.

My greetings to all my Wichita friends, and my thanks to you, and good wishes for your success,