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Mr. Walter Prose,
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41 East 50th St.,
New York City.

Dear Walter:-

Your letter with copy of your letter to Dr. Moo, came yesterday. I certainly appreciate your sending this in voluntarily; it was most considerate and kind of you to do so. The decision will be made shortly and I am quite prepared to move in either direction. If I win an award, the summer will be a busy one, if I don't, I have several things in mind to turn to. The latter will be in the nature of one, two, or even three, smaller books which I hope will interest you. One is suggested by Mr. Clemens of the Santa Fe Book & Stationery Co. on the old churches and missions of New Mexico. He says the demand for such a book is great and there is nothing except a very old one with very poor illustrations. Then there is the book I wrote you about earlier of the Bandelier National Monument. This is known in these parts as Frijoles ruins. It is one of the big scenic attractions near here as as I wrote you, the yearly attendance is around 48 to 50 thousand persons. A good little book which would sell for \$1. or \$1.50 would certainly go. The National Park Service is anxious for me to do this. The country in which these ruins lie is very beautiful and the ruins interesting. The name has officially been changed in the last few years, naming it for the scientist who spent many years studying this region. (see pages 72, 73 of a book entitled THE PUEBLOS by Laura Gilpin, I believe!) There is definitely material for a nice small book. The time to do the work would be just as the spring green is coming out, in late April or early May. Should you wish to consider this, would you send me the number of pages and number of illustrations that can be done for the price? Perhaps that is the way to go at it. A third book of local interest would be the romantic Pueblo of Acoma and the enchanted mesa nearby, though this might be on the border of repetition on the PUEBLOS. The Bandelier would not take long to do. The churches would be in

torresting and should be sure fire, as the new Arch-Bishop is building up a very great Catholic activity in this region. Two new orders have come here within the last year, and his aim is to make this a great educational center. This book would be more pretentious than Bandollier and would require much more arch and considerable travel, but it comes well within the historic monuments of the Southwest.

At this point I ask: when are you coming to Santa Fe for a visit? If you do not know this country, you surely should and it would be a great pleasure to show you some of the highlights. Your own reaction on points of interest would be very valuable.

There are some other names for special reviews. I had considered getting two addresses which is my reason for delay.

Dr. Daniel Ruben de la Barboilla
Museo Nacional de Antropologia e Historia de Mexico.
Mexico City, D.F.
Mexico.

Mr. J. E. S. Thompson
Harvard, Massachusetts. (all that is necessary)

Dr. Paul S. Martin,
Chicago Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Ill.

I hope these added names will prove beneficial. Dr. Tesser is in Hawaii, I find and I do not know when he returns or if he would bother with my kind of book. This brings my best wishes that all goes well, and again my thanks for your generous interest in my endeavors.

Most sincerely