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Dear Mr

Mr. Walter Fress,
ASTINGS HOUSE, INC.
41 East 80th St.,
New York 22,
New York.

Dear Walter:-

You may recall that about a month ago I sent in an order for 15 PUEBLOS and 5 TEMPLES. These came some two weeks ago, so smashed and battered that I refused the package. The second shipment has just come. While it was in far better shape than the first, still there was not one copy in the lot that did not have corners slightly damaged and two badly damaged. I am returning these two with this mail, and I enclose herewith the invoice which shows how even it got smashed. This is all too bad. I hear complaints from book stores saying that all Hastings House shipments suffer damage. I don't like to hear this, but pass it on to you for your investigation. Most of the books you have sent me have come through all right. It is one to be in packages of size, which are doubtless thrown about in the mail, and the packing is not strong enough to withstand this kind of treatment. I am keeping most of this last shipment and hope that customers will not complain. As you know twelve of them go to the Indian Pueblo. I do want to get them out there and see how many he sells in his new store.

Our friends of mine in New York are evidently doing some boosting for me, and are keeping track of sales at the Hauser and Book Shop. I heard the other day that both books were selling very well. I don't know what this means but it sounds well.

I hope for news of how sales are going before too long.

I regret having to send in a letter of this sort, and I hope the packaging can be improved.

Sincerely