

HASTINGS HOUSE

AIR MAIL



May 31, 1946

Miss Laura Gilpin
614 Alameda Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

We, too, have been distressed no end about the lack of stock on THE PUEBLOS. The book had been selling fairly regularly, and we had made plans to have it bound at a time which we thought would be far in advance of the ~~end~~. However, the binding conditions are so frightful--in fact they are worse than they have ever been during the war--that we are just swamped.

I understand, however, that they are now ready for delivery, and we expect to have some within the next few days.

As I mentioned in my letter of May 6, production problems are getting progressively worse, and I think it will be practically impossible to get the Mayan book out in time for Christmas, even if we had it today. It would, however, be advisable to let us have the complete material before September, if we are to get it out before May of next year.

In regard to the number of pages, THE PUEBLOS book might conceivably be done at \$3.75 again, but a book of that size gets very close to a \$5.00 retail price. However, I think it possible to do 144 pages for a \$5.00 retail price, if you feel that that many pages are necessary.

Cordially yours,

HASTINGS HOUSE,
PUBLISHERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Walter Frese'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter Frese

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