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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Mr. Spencer and I have gone through the manuscript of the Temples of Yucatan. We haven't read it for editorial correction, although our Mr. Dreyer will go through it very soon. We have, of course, not completely laid out the book yet, but assume that you want us to carry it through in sequence as you have indicated.

You mentioned that you would be able to make some new prints if we had some suggestions. Our first check shows that the following are definitely subject to improvement. One is the Temple of Four Lintels - that's a bit dark. Two is the Standard Bearer at the Top of Stairway - too dark. The Temple of Kulán from the Temple of the Warriors - too dark. Church of Ysidro - too dark. We are a little dubious also about the photograph for the wrapper. I realize that you made this fairly dark so that the type would be in reverse, but if you could give us a lighter print, I think we might get a better effect, and if more darkness were needed, we could work it through our photographer at the engravers.

I wanted to get this letter off to you today, because I expect to be down in Williamsburg and Savannah, Georgia for a fortnight. Perhaps by the time I get back, the production and editorial departments may have more concrete suggestions or plans.

Cordially yours,

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Walter Frese

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