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Dear Stuart:

Fine to hear from you and many thanks for the check. I look forward to seeing the UT edition of the bird book, and am delighted that you all are going ahead full steam on the Aztec thing to the point that even their descendants are honoring and listening to you.

I mentioned all this to Bill Wittliff in a recent telephone conversation, and in fact read him a couple of paragraphs from your letter. He was doubly fascinated because after he has finished his current screenplay on the transcontinental railroad, he has been given the go-ahead on another about the conquest of Mexico.

Not much is new around here, for our state of extreme dessication is now basically about three years old. The land is in terrible shape, but such things are periodically normal in Texas and I guess one just frowns and bears it.

We are well — “for age,” as the doctors say — and our progeny thrive, farflung though they are. Sally had a third son in September in Durham and Jane was up there for the event.

Good things to you both —

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