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Dear Scott and Stuart:

Just a quick note to tell you both that today we received the amazing painting of the interior of the Cuicacalli in the Nobleman's house. What a joy for us to see this work, the possibilities it opens up for the film are numerous. I will be able to make a stronger case for actual reconstruction of buildings like this, to be combined with models of the most important sections of the city. The different qualities of light, and the way these play on the different objects in the room, adds greatly to the perception of depth and gives the whole image a certain magical feel. We would like to know a little more about the designs on the walls, if that won't interrupt anything else you may be working on. Is this really Tepeyolotl or Huehucocoyotl? If it were possible to let me know the source then we could look it up here, since I will inevitably get a lot of questions about the meaning of the design and would like to be accurate when I answer. Another beautiful thing is happening with these paintings, which is the way they are beginning to aid the viewer's perception in an overall understanding of the civilization, so that looking at another painting adds to the previous perception. In effect, we are educating the viewer by showing different aspects of the city, which I guess was your intention but I didn't realize the degree to which this process would succeed until recently.

When you have a moment, please let me know if the slides of the Borbonicus were suitable or if I should rephotograph these. Did you receive the Mictlancihuatl in good order? As before, I will be photographing the latest painting as soon as possible and will get a slide to you soon. It looks like you are going to have one of the world's most beautiful books when you finish, in addition to whatever we are able to put on film. Regards to you both and thank you again for assisting us with this project. I will be writing more of our thoughts on the newest work shortly, just wanted you to know we received this in perfect shape.

