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Dear Senor Basave:

Your kind letter has been received and I am very flattered that the newspaper, EL NORTE, should be interested in my present day activities.

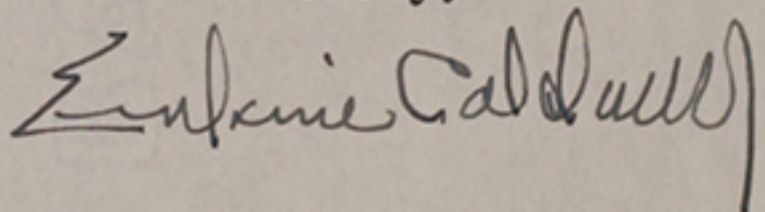
To begin with, on August 20, 1948, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, my publishers here in the United States, will bring out my latest book, THIS VERY EARTH. It will be the 23rd book for me. I hope to write two more and to bring my total to twenty-five, then I plan to stop and take stock of what I had hoped to do and what it seems to me I have done.

Right at present I am spending most of my time on a series of books which is published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce called, "American Folkways". My job in this series, which started in 1941, is that of editor. Each book in the series devotes itself to a certain section of the United States, such as, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTRY, GOLDEN GATE COUNTRY, etc... This seems to require a good deal of work in finding men and women who are qualified to write books on this country instructively as well as entertainingly. I plan to spend most of the summer on "American Folkways".

In addition to this I have just completed an automobile trip through the southern and southwestern part of the United States passing through twenty of the forty-eight states. I visited many of the large towns, the small towns and the cross-roads.

At the end of the summer, I imagine that I will begin work on another novel. I hope that this is a clear picture of my "curriculum vitae". Again, many thanks for your kind inquiry.

Sincerely,



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