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Dear friend Du Solier:

I must beg your forgiveness for not answering your last letters sooner, but there was not much to say. Griffin has not written lately about the manuscripts, but I suppose he is very busy and will write as soon as he can. I have offered him any help that I may be able to give him on the final work.

Although I have not heard from Griffin, there is no need for concern. I am sure he will put our manuscripts into the proper form, with the plates and everything. Therefore, I will wait and see what happens.

Just now I am wondering whether plans are being made for the Fifth Round Table Conference this summer. If the subject for this, as you mentioned in Norman, is to the Huasteca, I believe that I may be able to offer some interesting new ideas on the connections with the eastern United States. At least, I will want to take part in the next conference, and want you to know that I will be ready to aid you in any way possible. So, if there is anything you think of on which ~~you~~ I may be of help, please call on me, at any time! be

As for now, let us wish you a most happy and successful year. I have a feeling that a great many of our archaeological puzzles will be considerably cleared this year. Also, let me ~~thank~~ <sup>thank</sup> you for the copy of "Primer Fresco Mural Huasteco". I have read it carefully and find much interesting material. However, there is a great danger in seeing too much connection with the Spiro culture; there are a few things, such as you have pointed out in the Norman report, but there are also a great many elements at Buena Vista which are not found at Spiro, and vice versa. We will have to be very cautious or there will be the danger of falling into the same mistake as before, that is, of claiming that there was a great cultural influence from Mexico to the southeastern U. S. at one time. All the evidence now is that there were some contacts and influence, but that they only affected a part of the culture in each case, and may have extended over some centuries; in other words they were weak but can be recognized.

Again, our good wishes, and "un fuerte apretón de manos".

Su amigo y Ss.

*Alex Krieger*