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My dear Senor Du Solier:

I was delighted to receive your letter of September 21st and the three excellent publications which you so kindly enclosed. I must apologize for delaying in answering at once. As you know directly after the symposium I left the University of Oklahoma to assume a position at the University of Chicago. This entailed the difficult problem of locating an apartment and of course in settling my family - as well as starting my research and teaching duties. At present I am just emerging from this period of readjustment and reorganization...with most of my immediate problems happily worked out. During this period I have been searching among my scattered books for reprints of the Eufaula Mound and Spiro village papers which you had kindly requested. I am sorry to say my efforts have not been rewarded to date -- but I certainly intend to continue my search to eventual get these papers to you.

I have greatly admired your publications which you sent me. However, my meager control of Spanish and lack of time to date has not allowed me to studying them in the necessary detail. Needless to say, I regard your publications as most important references in the problem of the cultural affiliation of the Spiro focus and intend to study their contents very closely. In addition, I hope it will be my good fortune to correspond frequently with you regarding the finer points of the connection between the Huasteca culture and that of the Spiro focus.

Your fine participation in the Caddoan Area Symposium was greatly appreciated by its members. I was particularly gratified that the cultural traits of the area, especially those of the Spiro focus, drew forth your excellent comparative statements. I hope shortly to plunge into the problem of Huasteca-Spiro connections and write you of the possibilities as I see them.

Please convey my best regards and good wishes to Senor Noguera and Senor Armillas; as well as my deep appreciation of their vital contributions to the conference. You will be interested in knowing that a summary of the proceedings will be published in the January issue of American Antiquity, with a detailed report following later. With warm personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Most cordially yours,

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