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Mr. Herral Ayres  
Winter Hotel  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the University of Louisiana was turned over to me yesterday.

Just at present I am so pressed with work that I can answer your questions about the origin of certain place-names only so far as my memory serves me. <sup>San Antonio, Texas.</sup> I will make an effort to solve the origin of <sup>January 21st, 1928.</sup> ~~some~~ for you.

Prof. William A. Read, <sup>origin of some of your names:</sup>  
Louisiana State University,  
344 Napoleon Street,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dear Prof. Read:

Last year we wrote you we were trying to work out the definitions of the place names along the Old Spanish Trail. Your reply was very kind and very helpful. Your book "Louisiana Place Names" has been particularly helpful.

We enclose a copy of the compilation as it now stands. You may have some further criticism and we would also appreciate being advised if in the acknowledgment at the head we should give credit to the Louisiana University or to you personally.

The word Neches (pg. 3 enclosed) is uncertain. I have read your discussion of Natchez. We have the suggestion that Neches was the Spanish form and Natchez the French form. Miss Francis Scarborough, 222 W. Mistletoe Ave., San Antonio is an American woman and a Spanish scholar and has done considerable research work. She has located on a Texas map Indian tribe names as she has found them and the Neches tribe appears in East Texas somewhat in the general neighborhood of Caddo Lake. I haven't the map in front of me at this writing. I was wondering whether these remarks might establish any connection between Neches and Natchez.

Sincerely,

Herral Ayres,  
OST Managing Director.

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