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My dear Doctor:

Your kind letters received. Your discussion of the situation here, and of Spanish historical problems in general, is so good I want to reply to it separately and carefully. You and I are close together in our thoughts. Will also reply, affirmatively, to the letter of notification to corresponding membership.

Herewith am sending the chapters on the Teran and the Ramon expeditions, and three other chapters that belong with these. Notably:

Ch. II 1689-90 commentary
Ch. III 1691-92 "
Ch. IV 1716 "

Appendix 4 Wilderness Wanza
" 5 First People at San Antonio

Am doing a rather unusual thing: Lifting these out of my Ms. Bk. without retaining copies. These are my working sheets. It would take considerable time to make copies.

I also enclose a carbon page of the Index of the book in preparation....San Jose Mission. Because there is no comprehensive or correct or popular history here, you will see that I have had to go far afield to build the background about the Mission. The research has been, and is, terrific....wading constantly thru fog and mist, and much of the data is still incomplete.

I want your reactions frankly. I am in wholehearted agreement with you, that unless we can now have careful history we will get nowhere. The research and time, the checking and cross-checking, that has been involved have cost me so much I am being burdened. I do not have the funds for the concentration that is necessary, and these bad times are not easing that burden any.

Cordially,

Harrel Ayres