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Mr. Harral Ayres,
112 College St.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Ayres:

*Wanted to find the
the original publication that
it is*

I received the carbon copies of your notes on Yanaguana. I suspect that you intend to publish this. I think that the Yanaguana Society has it coming to them as it seems to me that they have no proof whatever for their claim that the Indian name of the San Antonio river was Yanaguana or that there was an Indian town of this name on the site of San Antonio. I went very thoroughly into this matter several years ago when I became aware of the fact that there had been an immense Indian town in the valley just west of the Argyll Hotel. This occupied a strip some two miles long and probably two miles wide as it reached from the river back to the hill. From the evidences obtained in collecting over that ground it is very evident that this town existed through long periods of time but that it was transient. Very probably it was occupied only in the winter and then only portions of it. However, from evidence that can still be seen there it was a town of goodly dimensions and occupied during the course of its existence by thousands of persons. You will find quite a number of interesting references to the San Antonio river and the names of the Indians in the Smithsonian publication "Handbook of the North American Indian".

Very truly yours,

A. B. Parks

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