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Mr. Harral Ayres,
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My dear Mr. Ayres:

I thank you for your letter.

My investigations of the Old San Antonio road have not covered a wide territory nor a long duration of time. However, I will put in writing what I have seen, although you may know it already, especially since it is confined to the vicinity of San Antonio.

The best markings I have found of the road begin at New Braunfels avenue at the W.O.W. hospital, and run due westward in continuation of their macadam road. The old ruts are well marked there. Especially interesting are the ruts that go to the graded yard of a large Spanish house of recent construction and come out on the west side. The road follows a clearly defined route around the West Texas Military Academy hill, but the hill as it dips down toward the Olmos creek shows several roads, all converging at the bottom of the hill. From there I have followed through an old ford of the creek a winding road that took a comfortable jack's jog up the side of the bluff to the winding road of the Park Hill estates. From there I understand it followed in the vicinity of McCollough avenue to San Pedro park.

There is a puzzle at the bottom of the West Texas hill in that the road seems to trend toward one that leads to the west entrance of the present Olmos dam, and there may have been two fords. There may have been one or two farther north.

An interesting road turns abruptly southeastward from the convergence at the bottom of the West Texas hill. It runs in a deep cut up the hill to one of the streets that leads to the Alamo Heights school.