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Hotel Rhinhold, Rio Grande City

TO : Dear Dr. Stensel -

DATE:

FROM : Our plans certainly are shaped by circumstances
SUBJECT: in this country. Here I am in Rio Grande City

and here I stay till Sunday morning. Then, I'm planning to go up to San Ignacio and go native. I've staid there before and expected to be there this week and work south but Señora Rodriguez wasn't well and couldn't leave her children in Laredo yesterday morning when I came down. So I'm working north instead of south. There is nothing ^{in the way of quarters} between Rio Grande City and Laredo really except that Señora Rodriguez takes me in and I live happily in frijoles and enchiladas. I can't watch the side

of the road without running in the ditch so I'd rather
forego the comforts of modern civilization temporarily. It's
easier to get drivers around here, too, and by "here" I mean
these little Mex towns. My mail is still coming to Zapata,
that's a good central point. One thing I want to know more
about is the dam that is soon to be built at Talcan
which will flood Zapata. There are some good sec-
tions in that area which must be examined now or never
and the excavations should be watched. I certainly hope
you can come down while I'm in this area. If you do,
would you mind bringing with you a copy of the Mexican
Report published as a memoir by the G.S. A.

Best remember me most cordially to Mrs. Stenzel
and Leah and Yetta and Sam -
Yours very sincerely

Julia Gardner