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My dear Sir:-

I want to write you for two reasons: first, to congratulate you on your splendid work on the ruins of Yucatan, Chiatas, etc, published in "Globus" and the Peabody Museum series; and second, to ask you about some work I am now taking up. I am selecting a few examples of the best preserved ruined building of Mexico to be reproduced in miniature for the St. Louis Exposition. The temple at Xochicalco is now nearly done on a scale of one-eighteenth. The "Palace" at Mitla, the "House of the Governor" at Uxmal, and the "Castillo" at Chichen will follow. I want to ask you whether you can advise me as to other buildings specially worthy of reproduction-such as are so well-preserved that they can be restored with a large degree of completeness.

I want also to make a few models of portals on a scale of about one-fourth; good examples are preserved at Mitla in Chichen, etc. It seems to me that the inscribed portal at Xcalumkin is one of the best. This I have not seen, and you