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Dear Rick;

I have received your letter of 12th. Thank you for writing to Baxter & Dixon. We shall not have direct responsibility for the Pueblo and Cliff Dwellers exhibit but I am glad of any information that will enable me to criticise and improve the work of others. The Pueblo will probably be put up by New Mexico & the Cliff Dwelling by Arizona — At anyrate that is what the Comte here hope. We only indicate site. Sorry I haven't the plan in shape to send print of it. It is on a positive blue print, or rather divided between two — Continual conferences and interruptions prevent me from getting prel. pl. finished — The thing now is to get the matter of archt & consult'g Engr. settled, especially former, while I am here, so I can influence the architectural design.

I hope you can come here with Marion — If the office can stand your absence — and Harvard — it will be no matter if I am not here; as Blossom by that time can explain the plan and Gill will talk architecture — The trip would be restful for you if storms do not affect you too badly.

Marion speaks of dust — I had not noticed any in the air till yesterday & then it seemed to be due to lack of wind — Ordinarily the winds are enough for ventilation & not enough to raise a dust — In fact the climate is delightful — It may not be so good in January. I can realize that people might get lazy here. This hotel is too expensive for Marion — It costs me about $7.00 a day. If she can get in with the family the Knapps know it will be all right — She did not mention their names. Russell C. Allen, one of the Bldgs & Grnds Comtee, has invited Mr. Dawson & me to spend a night at his place. That may be the very one. Mrs. Allen was daughter of Morris Copeland. They live 10 miles out on an orange ranch. If you really think you can get off Marion would better wait for you. Otherwise I sh'd say she'd better come along alone so as to get away from the severe winter of the East.

Affectionately John.

Dawson arrived night before last.