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Mr. Frederick Harvey,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Last October, while Congressman Cramton and I were enjoying the hospitality so kindly extended by your father and yourself, we talked about the diary of Padre Garces. Remembering the interest you expressed, I am mailing you a copy. The volumes are no longer available from the publisher but were secured through a book dealer.

Beginning on page 388 is the good missionary's account of what happened to him on the Fourth of July, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was being signed in Philadelphia. The signers of that immortal document knew no more about the priest and the Hopis who that day scorned him than they in Oraibi knew of the impending conflict between the American colonists and the English King. No one in either place could have possibly imagined that a hundred and fifty years later the then unborn Republic of the United States would include both places, separated by only four days travel.

The words in the diary describe a picture, in the background of which are the house tops of the old Oraibi lighted by the early morning sun and covered

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with Indian women and children. Along the street or plaza stand in line the Hopi dancers dressed in the costumes of the Flute dance which is held at that season. (The Snake dance comes later in August.) In advance of the dancers appear the four principal Chiefs, one an old man and one taller than the others. Facing them is the brown robed Franciscan with the crucifix in his hand. Not far away the young Yabipai (Havasupai) holding the she mule. The coincidence of this dramatic scene with Independence Day makes it worthy of reproduction by some talented painter whose canvas might fittingly adorn a gallery where other fine historic paintings are exhibited.

Many of the other places visited by this Spanish pioneer are very familiar to you and I am sure that you will enjoy reading his own story of his wanderings in the Southwest.

With best wishes to you and your father, I am,

Yours very sincerely,