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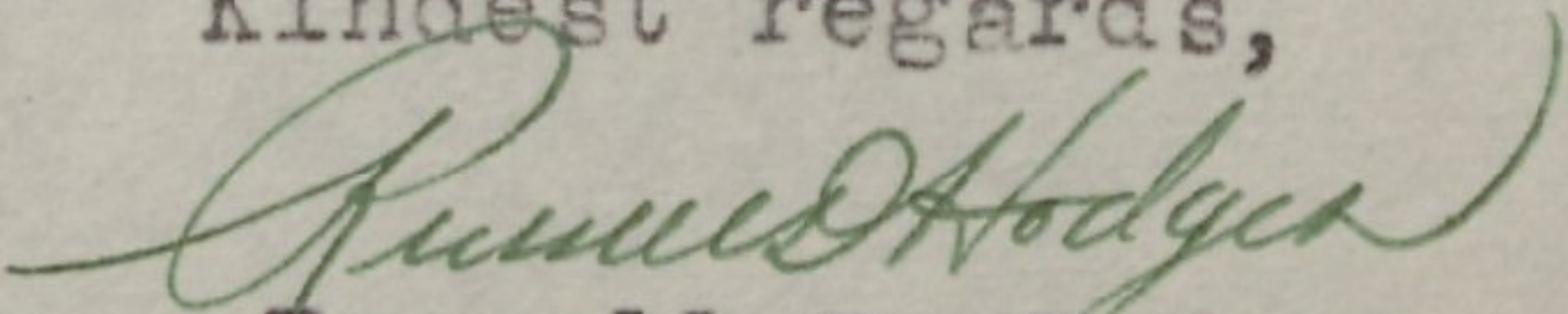
Dear Mr. Sam:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 12th.

There can be no question about the play "HORN IN THE WEST" meeting with general approval, I have had occasion to talk with a large number of people at the theater this summer some of them not knowing I was the least bit interested, and I am happy to report the comment has been favorable. We are all due you and your players a deep gratitude for the very efficient manner in which ~~the~~ it has been presented. We all feel it has been " A NOBLE EXPERIMENT " and of course you already know it has been successful financially. I am sure it will, in the future be a great drawing card for this whole area of the Southern Appalachians.

Again I say you are to be congratulated, and from the very depths of our heart we thank you . Hope you will be this way gain in the very near future, and do hope I can see you at that time.

Kindest regards,


Russell D. Hodges.