Dearest-

We are still at Col. Lee's; they are so kind, & hospitable that I feel under deep obligation. There is no hotel here that officers will let me go to to stay.

Yesterday I visited Pascual's camp about a mile and a half beyond Fort Yuma, the other side of the Colorado.

You should have been there to appreciate the whole scene. He commanded seats for himself and his captains facing a bench for me and my friends with blankets spread down for carpets. We spoke to him & then took our seats. The Indians arranged themselves under the of his upon the ground.

We had to have what he said interpreted thro the Spanish into English. His brother speaks Spanish & English. He had on slight clothing above with his girdle & aprons but no pants. He was dignified & wary - inspires respect -
He says he has faithfully kept the
treaty he made with Maj. Heintzelman for
twenty five years, but thinks we have
often failed on our part. After this
talk we returned to the Fort. Here Mrs.
Crook & our party are staying till the
boat gets ready to take us up river to
[Ehrenbury ?], where Gen. Crook promises
to meet me. I addressed the citizens
last night. Br. E.P. [preceeded ?] me
all turned out. A difficult job
to talk to people who do not agree
with you. They are all so sore over
Indian barbarities & so prejudiced
that they are hard to reach.
We got thro pretty well & I will
have a copy of the speech sent you.
This climate is enervating - oh how
hot & dry dry dry. No rain
for three years. I saw sand hills
& dry hot rocky mountains - along
the river bottom green bushes & trees
elsewhere - a tree called meskit (sic) grows
in the sand fields & prevents absolute
desert. I will try & copy for Jaimie
the Cocopah Lords prayer & for Gracie
my [?] in the Colorado?
I have just got word
the Gen Crook will
meet me at McDowell
so I change my course
going by land: It will
take five or six days
at the best.

I enclose [?], you
my promised notes for Jaimie
& Gracie. Much love
to them all. Much
preparation makes us
very busy. Aff. & lovingly
Your husband
Otis

[ON REVERSE]

I send check for 543.50

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Please deposit
at the bank
This is my [?]

Otis