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Miss Laura Gilpin,
317 Cheyenne Road,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Laura:

Another solemn promise to you is about to be broken for reasons that I could not control. I am just completing the final arrangements for the three field training groups in anthropological field method, and this has involved long and lengthy correspondence with the three leaders and all arrangements for transportation, equipment, operations in the field, instructions to students, etc., for the group of twelve students residing in all parts of the United States.

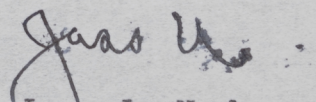
In addition, Mr. Simpson, Advertising Manager of the AT&SF, and Mr. Herman Schweizer of Albuquerque have been here for the past three days in uninterrupted conference, working up a plan and a budget for the Santa Fé's exhibit at the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago in 1933. Perhaps over the week-end, by following the same course that I did over Sunday and Memorial Day holiday, I can give you the data desired.

Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, the Director of the Anthropological Section of the Century of Progress, is most anxious that I assume the direction of all of the live Indian exhibits there for the Fair, but I have frankly passed word to him, through Simpson, that since it is impossible to keep the program here current at the time, I cannot consider a further obligation that would keep me from the Laboratory for a six-months' period practically, without interruption. I trust you will understand.

Deric went northward with an automobile for the field training group to meet the archaeological party at Scottsbluff, and Aileen accompanied him to Denver for medical attention. They are returning by train Saturday evening, so I doubt that you will see either on this trip. Aileen was supposed to have gone in March.

With warmest good wishes to your father and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,


Jesse L. Nusbaum,
Director.

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He said that the great ambition of her life was to build a home somewhat after the pattern of ours, but of adobe, and that she wished to use only native help in its construction. He did not know that she could visit Santa Fé during the coming summer, but hopes that sooner or later she can make such a trip. He offered us the very rare baskets which he had purchased on the Northwest Coast as a present for Mrs. Stewart, stating that material of this character should presumably be in a place like the Laboratory. I talked to him very frankly as to the ultimate disposal of Mrs. Stewart's blanket collection, and he was very frank to state that it was her wish that they go to an institution where they would serve the fullest and most useful purpose, and that he personally felt that the Laboratory here at Santa Fé was an ideal repository. On his return to Santa Barbara, he is expressing two more fine old blankets which Mrs. Stewart got near Roosevelt Lake in Arizona, and offered to give me a check to purchase a blanket which was offered to us during the period of his visit here, that was, provided we thought its inclusion in the collection desirable.

I told him of Mrs. Taylor's visit here and of her repeated assertions that the blankets should be retained at Colorado Springs. He said that Mrs. Stewart was under no obligation to leave them at the Springs, unless they would serve their fullest purpose there, adding that between the two places, the Laboratory and Santa Fé had every advantage. So the splendid work that you initiated so successfully as a loan will seemingly, in the course of time, unquestionably lead to permanent possession. I told Mr. Stewart of the plans for the museum, of Mr. Rockefeller's advice concerning such an undertaking at this time, and also of Mrs. Poole's tender of her basket collection. Because of his interest in this feature, I read Mrs. Poole's final instructions to her husband thereon, and he believes, that is, Mr. Stewart, that we can eventually work out a plan with Colonel Poole within the restrictions that she has written in that will satisfy him and let us gain possession of this collection also. I am sending him later a copy of these instructions so that he can study out a plan which Colonel Poole might accept, in lieu of the rigid instructions which Mrs. Poole has stipulated. I talked of you and of your photographic work, and of your recent trip to the ruins of Yucatan, and of our desire to gradually accumulate a superb record photographically, of Indian life and structures and features, etc. I told him that we were trying to preserve Indian life and traditions and customs and arts and crafts in every possible form and manner as a part of our total record. Under present economic conditions, I did not think it advisable to make any but an indirect approach. He thought such a plan fundamentally sound.

Regarding the slides, I am again distressed that I have not gone over your data and submitted the outline you desire. This will be done this coming week.. Following my return from Denver, all the visiting scientists dropped in here for visits from a few hours to several days

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and were followed by Assistant Secretary Wetmore of Smithsonian and several others of this character, which required a full measure of my time at least. For several days at a time, I did not even get to look at my mail. And I have just returned from a trip to southern Oklahoma, northern Texas, and northeastern New Mexico, with Doctor Mera and Deric. The report has just gone forward on this inspection.

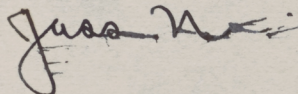
Aileen has been much better, but all of her help has fled and so Deric has been giving her a hand.

We had a hundred and fifty doctors and their wives through day before yesterday, with a reception at the home. Thus you will know, when you do not hear, what has been transpiring here.

I am glad to know that the Yucatecan negativesturned out so well, and I am hoping to see them in due course. The package of photographs was received, but I have not had opportunity yet to look them over. I shall write you after I do. I am glad to know that the slides will be completed about June 15. My dope will reach you well in advance, no fooling this time.

Regretting that I did not get to see you and your father in person, and with warmest good wishes to you both in which the family joins, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Jesse L. Nusbaum,
Director.

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