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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 21, 1933.

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

Dear Laura:

I find I inadvertently failed to send you copy of Mrs. Philip Stewart's splendid letter of February 19th in which she has given her marvelous Navajo blanket collection to the Laboratory. Her splendid method of transfer, without any strings whatever attached, gives us the perfect freedom in the handling and use of the collection which assures the maximum benefit of its cultural and scientific values. It is seldom that a donor is so generous in this respect.

Immediately on receipt of her letter I transmitted the second paragraph thereof by wire to Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., and to Doctor Kidder, our chairman, repeating Mr. Rockefeller's splendid wire to Mrs. Stewart on its receipt a few hours later.

This gift is of particular significance as evidence of very generous and substantial collateral support by friends of the institution, and its bearing on Mr. Rockefeller, Jr.'s future consideration of endowment for us will be most significant. I cannot tell you how happy we all are regarding this splendid acquisition.

And to you, Laura, in fullest measure may I express our grateful appreciation for the kind thoughts which prompted the suggestions leading to the loan of Mrs. Stewart's collection to the Laboratory. All the members of the staff join in thanking you for the splendid service you have performed in advancing our progress. Your contribution has been a notable one and in some way or other we shall attempt to make our appreciation manifest to you in appropriate measure.

So many splendid things have happened this year, and for your personal information I will say that we have been informed of legacies and bequests to be received in the future, and have received in pledges and gifts - principally in collections - in the first two months of this year values approximating \$165,000.00. We will not realize on some of these for many years I presume, but nevertheless the knowledge that we are to benefit is most stimulating.

While I have had periods of doubt in the past as to the future financial success of the Laboratory because of the times, not since the first of the year has there been a question as to the ultimate success of the institution.

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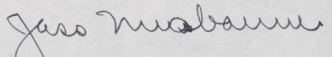
The most substantial amount in cash is represented in a percentage of the residual estate of a man and his wife in New York, and in addition, ^{on one receipt} their splendid Southwestern collection accumulated over the past forty-five years. This ^{will} come to us in cash and securities on settlement of the estate, which at the very low of the market was conservatively valued at \$50,000 to \$75,000, and with the upturn which must come in the course of the next few years may amount to a quarter of a million or more.

I received a note on my desk that Miss Gilpin was calling from La Fonda and I failed to get a reply when I called back. I went down to the hotel and they told me Miss Gilpin was out and I returned later after dinner to find her phone was not answered. Mr. Stallings told me the next morning that about eight o'clock that evening Mrs. Donald Gilpin called, and I had the pleasure of taking her, her daughter and Miss Bori, as I got the name, all through the Laboratory*. They were delighted and I took them to the home also, even though Aileen was away. I went to Mrs. Taylor's to see if you were there, but without success.

The lantern slides arrived, but have not been unpacked as yet, due to the rush of other business. Mrs. Burge asked yesterday if you were in, presuming that you would return with Miss Forster. So you are presumably either planning to come or are en route, and we shall be happy to see you whenever you do arrive in Santa Fé.

With all good wishes to you and your father, and with warmest appreciation of the splendid gift which you, with purely altruistic motives, were instrumental in gaining for us, I am, with kindest regards, in which Aileen joins,

Sincerely yours,



Jesse L. Nusbaum,
Director.

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Enclosure.

* the following afternoon

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Feb. 19, 1933.

My dear Mr. Nusbaum:

Thank you for your letters, and the fine photographs. They are all most attractive and interesting to us. To think of that array of blankets at Hubbells for Sale!

I am now ready to give my collection of blankets to the Laboratory. Do so in fact by this writing. And my blessing with them to all concerned.

If there should be a formal paper to be filled out, I would be glad to have it.

We have every wish that Mrs. Nusbaum will continue to improve. Please give her our kindest regards, and greet Mrs. Burge for us, and others who recall us.

Believe me

Cordially yours,

(signed) F. Stewart.

(Mrs. Philip B.)