

June 11, 1938.

Mr. Mitchel A Wilder,  
Taylor Museum,  
Colorado Springs.

My dear Mitch:-

For the little time I have been trying to see you regarding the request you made about purchasing the Kubler book negatives. Every time that I have been at the Art Center you have either been out or in New Mexico.

After going over the negatives carefully I figure that they are worth \$750. There are various uses I can put them to in the future.

As a member of your advisory committee I strongly advise against such a purchase on the part of the Museum in spite of the fact that I would like and need to make the sale. The negatives will always be here and where you can call on them at any time.

In answer to your letter of February 11th last I wrote you on the 18th giving you a quotation on duplicate prints. The only way in which I could be willing to let you make the prints would be under my personal supervision so that I knew exactly the quality of print that is to be released. I have never permitted anyone to make prints for me as I consider this perhaps the most important part of the work and I must maintain my own standard. When you have had more experience in photography yourself I know that you will understand why I make this stipulation. In order to keep this standard of print quality which I feel is as important for the Museum as for myself, I know that the cost to the Museum will be the lowest if you accept the offer I made you in February.

Regarding the sale of prints by the Museum, I will gladly co-operate in every way. I quite agree to the percentage to be retained by the Museum but I think we had better consider carefully and discuss the selling price.

I also want to know your decision regarding the Finlay plates I made last summer. I have already put in somewhat of an outlay in equipment and materials. I do not feel that I can at this time go to the expense of purchasing the necessary viewing screens until I know that you will want them. I have satisfactory negatives of the Cordova and Trampas Altars in Skio and two Santos and El Rito ceiling in lantern slide size.

I am leaving Tuesday for Los Alamos School and will be away about a week. I sincerely hope that you will come out to see me soon and that we can proceed with the final work on these negatives.

Sincerely yours,